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FINAL EXAMINATION – DECEMBER, 2019

B.A., B.Ed. (FT/PT)

TITLE OF PAPER: SPATIAL ASPECTS OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

COURSE CODE: GEP411/414

TIME ALLOWED: THREE HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. ANSWER THREE QUESTIONS.**
- 2. QUESTION ONE IS COMPULSORY.**
- 3. CHOOSE TWO QUESTIONS FROM SECTION B.**
- 4. WHERE APPROPRIATE, ILLUSTRATE YOUR ANSWER WITH EXAMPLES.**

MARKS ALLOCATION: QUESTION ONE CARRIES FORTY (40) MARKS AND THE OTHER QUESTIONS CARRY THIRTY (30) MARKS EACH.

THIS QUESTION PAPER SHOULD NOT BE OPENED UNTIL PERMISSION HAS BEEN GRANTED BY THE INVIGILATOR

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SECTION A: COMPULSORY

QUESTION 1

- a) Discuss the role of *Tinkhundla* system of governance in rural development in the Kingdom of Eswatini. (25 marks)
- b) Provide a brief assessment of the *Tinkhundla* system of governance as both a decentralization and rural development strategy, highlighting the extent to which it manages to achieve its development objectives. (15 marks)
- (40 Marks)**

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS

QUESTION 2

- a) Define community development. (5 marks)
- b) Using examples, discuss the impact of HIV and AIDS on rural development in the Kingdom of Eswatini. (25 marks)
- (30 Marks)**

QUESTION 3

'Rural women in almost all African countries have insecure legal or customary rights to land and this stifles the pace of rural development'. Using examples, discuss the validity of this statement. (30 Marks)

QUESTION 4

'Effective rural development is not about the delivery of goods and services to a passive citizenry, but rather an effective participation of the targeted population and affected group'.

- a) Discuss the validity of this statement with regards to the importance of public participation in rural development initiatives. (15 marks)
- b) Discuss the best practices for effective public involvement in rural development projects. (15 marks)
- (30 marks)**

QUESTION 5

a) Differentiate between relative and absolute poverty.

(5 marks)

b) Using examples, discuss the Growth Centre Strategies of rural development as an approach that has informed rural and regional development in most countries in the global South, highlighting its objectives and limitations.

(25 marks)

(30 Marks)
