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**Final Paper, May 2018**

**Title of paper : Development Problems and Policies**

**Course Code : ECO 306/ECON 307**

**Time allowed : Two (2) hours**

**Instruction : Answer question ONE (compulsory) and any other TWO questions.**

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### **Question 1**

#### **Compulsory question**

- a) Explain five key determinants of rural poverty in Swaziland.  
[10 marks]
- b) Critically examine the impact of internal migration on the position of women left behind in rural Swaziland. Give five factors.  
[15 marks]
- c) 'The problem of population is not simply a problem of numbers; it is a problem of human welfare and of development.' Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Explain fully your reasoning.  
[15 marks]

#### **Answer any two questions**

### **Question 2**

- a) Using current data, explain fully five major human resource problems in Swaziland.  
[15 marks]
- b) Give five possible solutions to agriculture problems in the context of Swaziland.  
[15 marks]

### **Question 3**

- a) Why should countries consider basic education as a basic tool for development? Give five reasons using current data.  
[15 marks]
- b) Explain the importance of Structural Adjustment Programmes (SAPs) in developing countries, and two limitations. [15 marks]

### **Question 4**

- a) Explain two characteristics of Multinational Companies (NMCs), and how they may lower domestic savings and investment rates in the developing countries.  
[15 marks]
- b) Explain fully three problems of the present education system in Swaziland.  
[15 marks]