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Title of paper : Agricultural Policies and Rural Development

Course Code : ECON 412

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 briefly three key objectives of agricultural policy. [10 marks]
- b) Critically examine five factors compromising food security in Swaziland.
[15 marks]
- c) Describe fully the triple gender roles of women in agriculture.
[15 marks]

Answer any two questions

Question 2

- a) Outline the structure and the major objective of Rural Area Development Programs (RDAPs) in Swaziland. [15 marks]
- b) Critically examine five challenges women face in agriculture and development projects in developing countries.
[15 marks]

Question 3

- a) Discuss the rationale for rural development in Swaziland. [15 marks]
- b) Write short notes of the role of World Trade Organization (WTO) in agriculture development. [15 marks]

Question 4

- a) Explain fully five reasons for government intervention through tax and subsidies. [15 marks]
- b) Using relevant examples, discuss the role of the role of institutions in rural development. [15 marks]