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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]