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TITLE OF PAPER : **ADMINISTRATION OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT**

COURSE CODE : **PA 305**

TIME ALLOWED : **THREE (3) HOURS**

INSTRUCTIONS :

1. **ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS. TWO (2) FROM EACH SECTION.**
2. **ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS OF 25.**

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SECTION A

QUESTION 1

The Third World in general and African countries in particular share common characteristics that have elevated rural development into unparalleled importance. Discuss.

QUESTION 2

Compare and contrast the subsistence definition of poverty and that which is based on relative deprivation.

QUESTION 3

The imposition of colonial rule was not without social, political and economic consequences for African countries. Discuss.

QUESTION 4

Discuss the forces and trends that accelerated the collapse and colonial empires.

SECTION B

QUESTION 5

Many of the problems and challenges of rural development in Swaziland, as elsewhere in Africa, have their roots in history, particularly in the pre-colonial and colonial era. Discuss.

QUESTION 6

Discuss the problems associated with pledging land and cattle as collateral for purposes of securing agricultural credit by African peasant farmers.

QUESTION 7

Discuss the factors that account for the rapid increase in rural female poverty in African countries.

QUESTION 8

Rural development in Africa is unlikely to achieve its goals and objectives in the absence of a political leadership that is strongly committed to the pursuit of egalitarian values. Discuss.