

**UNIVERSITY OF ESWATINI**

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND SOCIAL WORK**

**FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER, DECEMBER 2018**

**TITLE OF PAPER** : SOCIAL CHANGE AND DEVELOPMENT

**COURSE CODE** : SOC423

**TIME ALLOWED** : TWO (2) HOURS

**INSTRUCTIONS** 1. ANSWER ANY THREE (3)  
QUESTIONS.

2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL  
MARKS

TOTAL MARKS: 100

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## SOC423: SOCIAL CHANGE AND DEVELOPMENT

1. Analyse the major structural trends and cultural themes in contemporary society. Provide examples to support your arguments.
2. Explain how technological progress can impose great costs on society. In your view, what kind of reforms are needed to exploit the opportunities brought about by new digital technologies?
3. Discuss the view that in the course of economic development consumption-related activities incrementally supplant traditional modes of social action. Use evidence from the literature to support your viewpoints.
4. Examine the change strategies employed by change agents to promote social change. In your analysis, highlight and explain the ethical problems associated with these change strategies.
5. Assess any two (2) theoretical explanations of global inequality. How can these two perspectives be extended and improved upon to more adequately explain the persistence of inequality in the contemporary world?
6. Briefly discuss Garrett Hardin's main arguments in *The Tragedy of the Commons* (1968). In light of Hardin's arguments, examine how grassroots-based sustainable development initiatives in developing countries are responding to the challenge of climate change.