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TITLE OF PAPER : **DEMOGRAPHIC PERSPECTIVES ON SOCIAL
AND ECONOMIC ISSUES**

COURSE CODE : **DEM 407**

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

INSTRUCTIONS : **ANSWER QUESTION 1, 2, 3 AND EITHER 4 OR
5. THIS PAPER IS OUT OF 100 IN 3 HOURS.**

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ANSWER QUESTIONS 1 TO 3 BELOW

Question 1

[Total=25 marks]

Remittances can be viewed as an essential component of regional development in Southern Africa: Discuss.

Question 2

[Total=25 marks]

Using the human capital approach proposed by Massey and colleagues (1993; 1994) explain how international migration is initiated and perpetuated.

Question 3

[Total=25 marks]

Write brief, but critical, points on the following fertility theories or perspectives:

- a. Neoclassical microeconomic theory by Becker (1960), Schultz (1973);
- b. Easterlin's hypothesis or framework;
- c. Coale's three preconditions of fertility decline;
- d. Caldwell theory of intergenerational wealth flows; and
- e. Proximate determinants of fertility by Bongaarts (1982, 84).

EITHER

Question 4

[Total=25 marks]

Describe the Malthusian theory. Critically appraise its contemporary relevance to developing countries.

OR

Question 5

[Total=25 marks]

Give an account of the Harris-Todaro migration model. Critically discuss its continued relevance to developing countries.