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EXAMINATION: MAY/JUNE 2012
MODULE NAME & CODE: LAND ISSUES AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN
SOUTHERN AFRICA, GEOG314H1

DURATION: 3 HOURS

TOTAL MARKS: 300

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INSTRUCTIONS: ANSWER THREE QUESTIONS.
EACH QUESTION IS WORTH 100 MARKS.
INDICATE THE QUESTIONS YOU HAVE ANSWERED ON THE
COVER OF YOUR EXAMINATION BOOK.

1(a) Critically analyse the role of traditional leaders in Southern Africa with reference to land and power.

OR

1(b) In indigenous land tenure systems, secondary rights holders have difficulties in securing their rights of access to land. Using relevant case studies show how the land rights of secondary rights holders have been affected by colonial legislation and post-colonial land laws.

2. Critically analyse key reasons for acute and chronic food insecurity in Southern Africa. Using appropriate examples, show how communities can change and/or adapt to conditions of food insecurity.

3. Critically analyse the significance of natural resources for poor rural households and communities in South Africa. In your answer, examine the key problems encountered in terms of accessing, sustaining and managing the natural resource base.

4. Critically discuss the factors that contribute to the neglect of rural people's technological know-how. In your response, suggest processes that might engage with rural people's interest in local technology.

5. Critically analyse the workings of industrial capitalism in Southern Africa's cash crop production. In your response, demonstrate how cash cropping in general reshaped local processes of production and selling, particularly the dynamism of local actors in responding to the new form of production.

6. Critically discuss challenges facing land reform projects in South Africa and suggest possible solutions.

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1. Technology incorporates the skills, knowledge and procedures that are used to respond to the needs of a community and build solutions to its problems (Schuler, 2004: 173). With reference to appropriate examples, show how technology therefore can play a role in maintaining sustainable approaches to rural development.
2. Critically discuss significant issues that have contributed to the poor state of the natural resource base in South Africa.
3. Critically discuss the key aspects of South Africa's first phase of land redistribution. In your answer, analyse the concerns that sufficient cognisance has not been taken of lessons learnt from the challenges experienced during implementation.
4. Liberation struggles in agrarian-based societies cannot be separated from grievances related to land. Critically analyse this statement, using case studies from Kenya and Zimbabwe.
5. Current debates in rural development neglect the role of home-based activities and the informal economy, yet they supply basic needs of households and communities (Thomas, 2011). Critically discuss this debate and potential policy measures that are more likely to address the contribution of, and the value added by, home work and the informal economy in the rural sector.
6. Critically analyse the factors that have significantly influenced the changes in customary land tenure arrangements in South Africa, with reference to examples.