

**UNIVERSITY OF KWAZULU-NATAL
EXAMINATION: NOVEMBER 2011**

**SCHOOL : ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
LEVEL : III
MODULE : LAND ISSUES AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
CODE : GEOG 314**

DURATION: 3 HOURS

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INSTRUCTIONS:

- **ANSWER THREE QUESTIONS.**
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SECTION A

1. Some scholars criticise Present day 'tradition' as the creation of colonial powers. Analyse this statement with reference to the role of traditional leaders in South Africa on issues of land and power. (50)
2. Critically discuss the factors and processes that can be attributed to the absence of production at the household and community level. Suggest potential solutions in your response. (50)
3. Critically analyse the challenges facing small-holder and subsistence agricultural production systems in South Africa. (50)

SECTION B

4. Africa's indigenous or "communal" land tenure systems have been characterised as incapable of accommodating modern methods of agricultural production. Critically analyse this statement, supporting your answer with examples. (50)
5. Examine the main objectives of South Africa's land redistribution programme and its relevance to rural development. Also discuss key challenges facing the implementation and long term sustainability of the land redistribution programme. (50)
6. Using examples, examine the characteristics of, and the constraints facing the informal economy in rural areas in South Africa. (50)

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1. Evaluate the role of peasants and the centrality of land in influencing the outcome of the liberation struggles in Kenya and Zimbabwe. (50)
 2. Critically discuss the importance of appropriate technology development for rural development. Include an examination of key constraints and problems experienced in relation to appropriate technology development. (50)
 3. Critically examine the main objectives and principles underlying South Africa's land reform process in relation to promoting rural development. (50)
 4. A number of factors contribute to marginalisation and poverty in many communities in Africa. Critically assess how HIV/AIDS impacts on rural development. (50)
 7. 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. (50)