

**UNIVERSITY OF KWAZULU-NATAL, PIETERMARITZBURG CAMPUS
SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE, EARTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
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GEOG735: RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND LAND REFORM

Time: 3 Hours
Marks: 300

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**ANSWER THREE (3) QUESTIONS.
ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS**

1. The AmaKhosi has appointed you as the community representative to discuss issues pertaining to rural service provision within the community. Together with the community, identify the key rural services that are lacking. Thereafter, critically discuss the key problems associated with providing services in poor rural areas, as well as the institutional dynamics that comes into play. (100)
2. You have recently been employed as Director of Research and Policy Evaluation in the United Nations. Your main concern is to examine food security issues on the African continent. Compile a report outlining the key challenges facing food security in Africa, especially focusing on the impacts of HIV/AIDS on the poor rural community, as well as forward policy recommendations. (100)
3. Provide a critique of some of the theories used to create a dependency relationship between developed and developing countries, indirectly impacting on the poor rural areas. (100)
4. Provide a critique of South Africa's land reform programme in relation to promoting rural development. Your assessment should provide case studies with lessons and experiences from other sub-Saharan countries. (100)
5. Critically discuss the land reform issues affecting women in sub-Saharan Africa. Your assessment should provide relevant case studies. (100)
6. Critically assess whether land reform is a viable strategy to alleviate poverty in South Africa. (100)