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EAE 141: ECONOMICS OF SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

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Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions

Q1.

a). The reference of countries south of Sahara desert as sub-Saharan Africa has drawn a lot of criticism. Highlight the major arguments concerning the region's economic progress. (10marks).

b). Describing the aggregate economic performance in sub-Saharan Africa in the last decade, what are some of the main challenges of savings growth in the continent? (10marks).

c). Outline the role of Multinational Corporations in African economies and the extent of their importance to the development of the region. (10marks).

Q2.

a) Examine the main characteristics of the economies of sub-Saharan Africa that the region is identified with. (10marks).

b). What are the special features persistent in sub-Saharan Africa that inhibits rapid rate of economic development of the region? (10marks).

Q3.

- a) Define what is poverty and inequality (4 Marks)
- b) Outline the main causes of poverty in sub-Saharan Africa countries. (6 marks).
- c) Explain how specific agricultural technologies determine increase in agricultural output to reduce poverty levels in SSA. Countries. (10marks).

Q4.

- a) Define unemployment and rural-urban migration (4 Marks)
- b) Explain the economic motivations of the migration. (6 marks).
- c) How is the population composition in sub-Saharan Africa a challenge to the economic development of the region? (10 marks).

Q5.

- a). How is the balance of payments a challenge to economic development of SSA? (10marks).
- b). Explain the challenges of Fiscal and Monetary policy in sub-Saharan Africa. (5marks).
- c). briefly discuss how sub-Saharan Africa has transitioned to new technologies. (5marks).

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