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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

REGULAR PROGRAMME

ECN 421: ECONOMICS OF POPULATION

Date: AUGUST 2021

Duration: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions

Q1.

- a. In relation to population growth discuss the concept of economic growth. **(10marks)**
- b. Using the contemporary theories describe the relationship between economic development and population growth **(10marks)**
- c. Describe the significance of the rural-urban migration in the growth of the population. **(10marks).**

Q2.

- a. Discuss the economic impact of rapid population growth in an economy. **(12marks).**
- b. How does demographic transition impact on the population growth? **(8 marks).**

Q3.

Discuss how the following factors affect population growth in relation to the future improvements of a developing country:

- i. Poverty (10 marks)
- ii. Inequality (10 marks)

Q4.

- a. Highlight the main determinants of fertility of a population. (10marks)
- b. Discuss giving examples how population growth affects human capital investments. (10marks).

Q5.

- a. Discuss the importance of investing in children of a developing country (10marks)
- b. Discuss the causal effects of population growth to economic development of a country. (10marks)

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