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MAIN EXAMINATION

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FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

REGULAR PROGRAMME

ECN 421: ECONOMICS OF POPULATION

Date: APRIL 2019

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?
(8marks)
- Q3. Discuss how the following 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) Of what significance is 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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