

National University of Science and Technology

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Diploma in Development Studies

Demography and Population - DDS 1005

Final Examination – December 2013

TIME: 3 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

This paper consists of **THREE** printed pages and **SIX** questions.

Answer any **FOUR** questions

Start the answer to each question on a fresh page.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

All questions carry equal marks [**25MARKS**].

You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

QUESTION 1

Critically evaluate the relevance of the Malthusian Theory to today`s development planning in the developing world. **[Total 25 marks]**

QUESTION 2

- a) Assess the impact of the increasing population on the natural environment of Zimbabwe. **[10]**

- b) Suggest strategies that the government should put in place to reduce the negative impact. **[10]**

[Total 25 Marks]

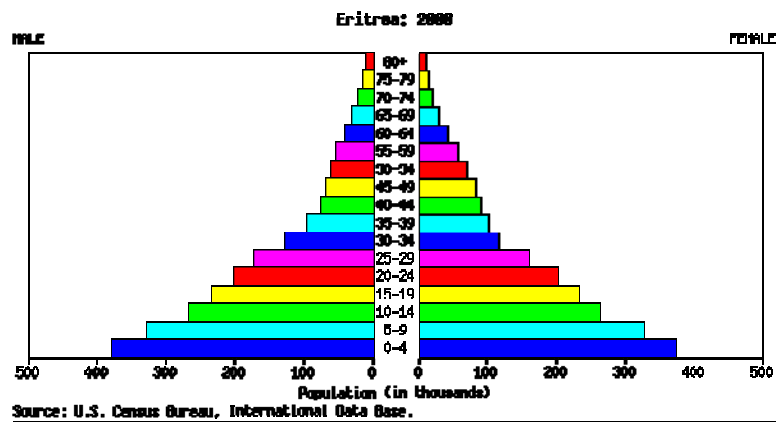
QUESTION 3

Assess the validity that ‘Poor population control measures are the main sources of underdevelopment in Africa.’ **[Total 25 Marks]**

QUESTION 4

- a) Explain the following concepts:
 - i. Crude birth rate **[3]**
 - ii. Crude death rate **[3]**
 - iii. Infant mortality **[3]**
 - iv. Life expectancy **[3]**

b) The diagram below shows the population pyramid of Eritrea.



Explain the reasons for this concave shaped population pyramid. [13]

[Total 25 marks]

QUESTION 5

Discuss how women's reproductive decision-making and choices have a bearing on the future of the country in terms of population growth and other related issues.

[Total 25 marks]

QUESTION 6

Outline the reasons for the increasing trend of rural-urban migration in Zimbabwe and assess its attendant socio-economic impact.

[Total Mark 25]

END OF EXAMINATION