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Department of Economics

Examination paper for SØK2007 Development Economics

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Answer all 4 questions. Weights for all questions given in parentheses.

Question 1 (25%) Income and population

Why is it difficult to compare income per capita between low and high income countries? Why might low income countries experience rapid population growth as their income increases?

Question 2 (25%) Growth

What do we mean by steady state growth in a Solow Model? What prediction does this give regarding convergence. How does this prediction change if countries can accumulate both physical **and** human capital?

Question 3 (25%) Labour

How can undernutrition lead to a poverty trap? How could long term contracts reduce these problems and why might firms be unwilling to provide them?

Question 4. (25%) Transformation

Describe the process of transformation of an economy from a traditional agricultural setting to a more modern manufacturing economy. Why is the presence of surplus labour important and why does the process of migration to urban areas eventually slow down?

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