

**NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LESOTHO**  
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**BA EXAMINATION**

**EH4301 AFRICA'S NATURAL RESOURCE UTILIZATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

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**MARKS: 75**

**TIME: 3HOURS**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:** ANSWER QUESTION ONE (1) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS.  
EACH QUESTION CARRIES 25 MARKS.

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1. Discuss problems experienced by natural resource rich African countries in managing and benefiting from their natural resources.
2. Do you share the view that the traditional land tenure system is an impediment to economic growth and development? Explain your answer, using examples from any one African country of your choice.
3. Critically assess the viewpoint that the issue of land lies at the heart of political conflict in Africa. Cite concrete examples from any one country in Africa to illustrate your answer.
4. Were Basotho diamond diggers justified in their struggles to mine Lesotho diamonds as individual diamond diggers in the 1960s? Support your answer.
5. Why did it take Lesotho more than 30 years to develop its water resources?
6. To what extent is society and relevant organs of the state capable of dealing with corruption in natural resource use in Africa?