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SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2013 EXAMINATION**

**AEM: 504 RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (3 Credit Units)**  
**ANSWER ANY 5 QUESTIONS (25 Marks each)**  
**TIME: 2 1/2 HOURS**

- 1a. What is the meaning of community development.
- 1b. What are the rational for rural community development?
- 1c. List the problems of rural community development in Nigeria.
- 2a. What are the social indicator for a developed society.
- 2b. Explain the view of Charles Tilley on modernization.
- 2c. What are the objectives of development?
3. Briefly explain the following theories.
  - a. Structural Differentiation Theory.
  - b. Equilibrium and Conflict Theory.
  - c. Modernisation Theory.
- 3b. What are the benefits of these theories?
- 4a. Briefly critique these theories:
  - i. Symbolic Interaction.
  - ii. Ethno Methodology.
  - iii. Exchange Theory.
- 5a. Distinguish between a typical Yoruba and Igbo settlement.
- 5b. Enumerate some of the advantages and disadvantages of cluster town or village.
- 5c. What is innovation? State the objectives of innovation to human existence.
- 6a. There are five basic dimension of innovation, explain briefly.
- 6b. Discuss the Contract-Farming Approach.
- 7a. What are the problems that plague agriculture and rural development in developing

**countries?**

**7b. How can you as agricultural extension solve the problem?**

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