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SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
MARCH/APRIL 2014 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: AEM741

COURSE TITLE: RURAL SOCIOLOGY

TIME ALLOWED: 2HOURS

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS.

1. (a) Briefly explain the concept of rural sociology (3mrks)
(b) Explain three parameters for determining the degree of rurality. (7mrks)
(c) Discuss the needs of rural sociology to national development (15mrks)
2. (a) Identify and discuss five occupations that rural population engaged in.(10mrks)
(b) What do you understand by fertility rate? (2mrks)
(c) Enumerate three reasons why the rural people reproduce at higher rate than the urban people. (3mrks)
(d) In Nigeria people like to migrate from rural area to urban area. Discuss (10mrks)
3. (a) What do you understand by voluntary associations? (5mrks)
(b) Mention five characteristics of associations. (5mrks)
(c) Briefly discuss four merits of voluntary association to members of the society. (10mrks)
(d) What do you understand by nucleated and dispersed settlement patterns? (5mrks)
4. (a) Explain the concept of agricultural system (5mrks)
(b) Define tree crop farming. (5mrks)
(c) Write short notes on the following terms :(i) Monogamy (ii) Polygamy (iii) Polyandry (iv) Exogamy (d)Endogamy. (15mrks)
5. (a)Identify and discuss the factors responsible for polygamous marriage in Nigeria. (12mrks)
(b) Define economic institutions. (3mrks)
(c) Enumerate four basic factors of economics institution and discuss three of them. (10mrks)
6. What do you understand by any five of the following terms:
(a) Non formal education;
(b) Shifting cultivation;
(c) Democratic leadership;
(d) Characteristics of a good leadership; and
(e) Social stratification;
(f) Migration.(5 marks each x 5 = 25mrks)