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SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES  
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2015 EXAMINATION**

**COURSE CODE: AEM 504**  
**COURSE TITLE: RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (3 UNITS)**  
**TIME ALLOWED: 2HRS**  
**INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY 5 QUESTIONS**

1. (a) Explain the concept of rural community development (4 marks)  
(b) Highlight six cardinal rationales for rural community development (6 marks)  
(c) Discuss 5 problems of rural community development (10 marks)
2. (a) Concisely explain five indicators of a sociologically developed society (10 marks)  
(b) State the three major objectives of development (3 marks)  
(c) Differentiate between equilibrium and conflict theories in micro social change (5 marks)  
(d) State two weaknesses of modernization theory (2 marks)
3. (a) Discuss the three fundamental phases of development (6 marks)  
(b) Make a distinction between rural-urban interaction and inter-sectoral coordination (4 marks)  
(c) With three relevant examples explain the package approach (5 marks)  
(d) Identify the five key elements of community development approach (5 marks)
4. (a) Itemise ten steps in the execution of a successful community development (10 marks)  
(b) Discuss five challenges of community development (10 marks)
5. (a) Explain the three core principles of symbolic interactionism as postulated by Herbert Bhomer (6 marks)  
(b) Give three criticisms against symbolic interactionism (3 marks)  
(c) Discuss ethno-methodology in micro-social change (5 marks)  
(d) State two demerits to ethno-methodology (2 marks)  
(e) Describe the basic concept of exchange theory (4 marks)
6. (a) Explain macro approach to social change (5 marks)  
(b) Distinguish between structural functionalist theory and conflict theory in macro social change (5 marks)

- (c) Outline three factors that determines the settlement patterns in rural communities (3 marks)
  - (d) Highlight four advantages of and three disadvantages of clustered settlement pattern (7 marks)
7. (a) Discuss the concept of social change (4 marks)
- (b) Identify four forms social change may assume (4 marks)
  - (c) Briefly explain the three sources of social change (6 marks)
  - (d) Differentiate between top-oriented and bottom-oriented innovation (6 marks)