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**SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**  
**October, 2013 Examination**

**Course code: AEM 504**

**Course Title: RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**Time Allowed: 2 HOURS 30MINS**

**Instruction: Answer 5 questions only. Each question carries equal marks**

- 1(a) Define Agricultural Extension  
(b) Discuss the role of agricultural extension in rural development  
(c) Distinguish between growth and development  
(d) Outline 2 main objectives of rural community development
- 2(a) Identify the major settlement patterns in Nigeria  
(b) List 3 factors that can influence settlement patterns in rural Nigeria  
(c) Mention 3 major approaches to rural development
- 3(a) i. What is an Innovation?  
ii. Itemise 7 objectives of an innovation  
(b) Compare and contrast the 2 main sources of innovation  
(c) Distinguish between community development approach and extension approach
- 4(a) Mention 3 examples of rural development programmes in Nigeria  
(b) Mention 4 objectives of the Better life programme in Nigeria  
(c) Briefly explain 3 sociological perspectives of development
- 5(a) Mention 3 factors that can affect social change  
(b) Explain the 3 sources of social change  
(c) Compare and contrast conflict and functionalism perspectives of social change
- 6(a) i. What is Macro-social change?  
ii. Outline the grand theories of macro level social change  
(b) Discuss 5 problems of rural community development  
(c) Explain the concept of social system
- 7(a) Explain any 5 steps necessary for rural development  
(b) What is the relevance of the structural dependency and metropolitan relation to rural economy

- (c) What is the basic tenet of symbiotic interactionists
- (b) What are the attributes of a Theory