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**SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES**  
**SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2015 EXAMINATION**

**Course Code: AEM 506**

**Course Title: Advance Rural Sociology**

**Time Allowed: 3 Hours**

**Instruction: Answer any five (5) Questions, All Questions carry equal Marks**

1a. Discuss the views of the proponents of evolutionary theory as it affects the society. **(10 mark)**

1b. The functional model likens society to a living organism with each part being indispensable to the survival of the system Discuss. **(10 mark)**

2a. Briefly explain the concept of social structure in rural society. **(9 mark)**

2b. Write briefly on the three main kinds of social structure. **(6 mark)**

2c. What are the factors causing the division of people into groups and societies? **(5 mark)**

3a. Explain in brief concept of change. **(10 mark)**

3b. What are the assumptions of behaviourist theory on social change? **(10 mark)**

4. Write a short note on the different types of changes imperative that extension should get acquainted with them rural development projects. **(20 mark)**

5a. Attitudes influence behaviour and the analysis of attitudes usually produces a model of behavioural change which is used by extension agents to persuade their clients to behave in a certain way or to adopt innovations disseminated them. Discuss. **(15 mark)**

5b. Change is a process, what are its characteristics? **(5 mark)**

6a. What do you understand by resistance to social change? **(4 mark).**

6b. Enumerate the dimensions of social change. **(10 mark)**

6c. Explain three factors of resistance of change. **(6 mark)**

7a. Define group dynamic and group **(5mark)**

7b. Describe stages of group development. **(3 marks each = 15 mark)**