



NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA
University Village, Nnamdi Azikwe Express Way, Jabi, Abuja
Faculty of Agricultural Sciences

June/July 2017 Examination

Programme: Agricultural Extension and Management

Course Code: AEM 504

Course Title: Rural Community Development Credit Unit: 3

Answer Any 5 Questions Only

Time Allowed: 2½ Hours

1. a. Briefly explain four problems of rural community development in Nigeria (8 marks)
 b. Discuss four dimensions of innovation (8 marks)
 c. Itemise four objectives of innovation to human existence (4 marks)
2. a. Concisely explain four functional components of rural development (8 marks)
 b. State six cardinal rationale for rural community development (6 Marks)
 Identify three factors that can affect social change (6 marks)
3. a. In theoretical terms, explain the concept of rural development (3 marks)
 b. Discuss the three core principles of symbiotic interaction approach in social change (6 marks)
 c. Explain the key criticisms against symbiotic interaction approach (3 marks)
 d. Discuss four indicators for sociological rural community development (8 marks)
4. a. In economic terms, explain development (4 Marks)
 b. What do you understand by micro-approach to social change? (4 marks)
 c. Itemise seven steps necessary for community development (7 marks)
 d. Briefly explain rural-urban interaction as an approach to community development and the key reason for its short-coming in Nigeria (5 marks)
5. a. Write short notes on the core principles of the following approaches to social change (16 marks)
 (i) Structural functionalist theory
 (ii) Conflict theory
 (iii) Exchange theory
 (iv) Ethno-methodology
 b. Distinguish between community organisation and community development (4 marks)
6. a. With one relevant example, briefly explain the principle of structural differentiation theory (5 Marks)
 b. Clearly explain the three sources of social change (6 marks)
 c. Concisely discuss the concept of social change (5 marks)
 d. Highlight four forms social change may assume (4 marks)

7.
 - a. Outline five key elements in implementing community development approach (5 marks)
 - b. Briefly explain the modernisation theory (5 marks)
 - c. Identify two weaknesses of modernisation theory (4 marks)
 - d. Highlight three basic objectives of development (6 marks)