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**AEM741: Rural Sociology**

**Credit Unit: 2**

**Time Allowed**

**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer any four questions. All questions carry equal marks.**

1. (a) What is rural sociology? (3mrks)  
(b) Discuss three parameters for determine the degree of rurality. (7mrks)  
(c) Discuss four significance of rural sociology to national development. (15mrks)
2. (a) Identify and discuss five occupations that rural population engaged in.(10mrks)  
(b) Define the term fertility rate. (2mrks)  
(c) Mention three reasons why the rural people reproduce at higher rate than the urban people. (3mrks)  
(d) Discuss five reasons why people migrate from rural area to urban area. (10mrks)
3. (a) Explain voluntary associations. (5mrks)  
(b) Mention five characteristics of associations. (5mrks)  
(c) Briefly discuss four significance of voluntary association to members of the society. (10mrks)  
(d) Differentiate between nucleated and dispersed settlement patterns. (5mrks)
4. (a) Define agricultural system. (5mrks)  
(b) What is tree crop farming? (5mrks)  
(c) Define the following terms: (i) Monogamy (ii) Polygamy (iii) Polyandry (iv) Exogamy (d) Endogamy. (15mrks)
5. (a) Identify and discuss four reasons why people go into polygamous marriage in Nigeria. (12mrks)  
(b) What is economic institutions? (3mrks)  
(c) List four basic factors of economics institution and discuss three of them. (10mrks)
6. Write short note on any five of the following:  
(a) Informal education;  
(b) Shifting cultivation;  
(c) Charismatic leader;

- (d) Characteristics of good leadership;
- (e) Social stratification; and
- (f) Migration.