



# **NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA**

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Jabi, Abuja**

**Faculty of Agricultural Sciences**

**FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION: June/July**

**Programme: Agricultural Extension and Management**

**Course Code: ARD 308**

**Course Title: Principles of Cooperative Practice**

**Total Score: 100 Marks**

**Credit**

**Unit: 2**

**Instruction: Answer any four (4) Questions**

**Time**

**Allowed: 2 Hours**

1. a. Trace the meaning of cooperatives according to International Cooperative Association (ICA) and International Labour Organization (ILO). **4 marks**  
b. Enumerate on any six key words and phrases in the definition of cooperatives. **15 marks**  
c. Highlight on any four essence of cooperatives in any society. **6 marks**
2. a. Discuss any five ways by which Cooperatives could be classified. **15 marks**  
b. Discuss on any two Organizational Structure of Cooperatives in Nigeria. **6 marks**  
c. List four main objectives of cooperatives. **4marks**
3. Write short notes on the following headings.  
a. Agricultural Cooperative Societies **6.5 marks**  
b. Produce and Marketing Cooperative Societies **6.5 marks**  
c. Consumer Cooperative Societies **6.5 marks**  
d. Cooperative Thrift and Credit Societies **6.5 marks**
4. a. Trace how cooperatives assist the entrepreneurs to acquire skills. **16 marks**

- b. Highlight on the economic reasons why people join Cooperative societies. **3 marks**
  - c. Highlight on any six the factors which contribute to the failure of cooperative societies in Nigeria. **6 marks**
- 5.
- a. Conceptualize the term Venture in Cooperative management. **5 marks**
  - b. Identify any five major failure factors in Cooperative Agribusiness ventures. **10 marks**
  - c. Enumerate on any five Strategies for overcoming problems of Cooperatives Agribusiness Enterprises. **10 marks**
- 6.
- a. Briefly discuss any five factors that differentiate a cooperative from other forms of business. **10 marks**
  - b. Define the term Loan and trace the different types available to cooperators in Nigeria. **7 marks**
  - c. What do you understand by Controlling Function? **4 marks**
  - d. State any four purposes of the annual general meeting of cooperatives. **4 marks**