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**MARCH/APRIL 2016 EXAMINATION**  
**SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES**

**Course Code: AEM506**  
**Course Title: Advanced Rural Sociology**  
**Time Allowed: 3HOURS**  
**Instructions: ANSWER five (5) QUESTIONS (20 MARK EACH)**

- 1a. Define the term rural sociology and list the importance of rural sociology to developing country e.g. Nigeria.
- 1b. Explain the evolutionary sociological theory; and what are the merits of functional theory.
- 1c. What are the general aims of sociology.

- 2a. Explain the factors causing the division of people into groups and societies.
- 2b. Distinguish between psychodynamics and diffusion theory of social?

- 3a. State the different forms in which social change can take.
- 3b. List the major sources of social change.
- 3c. Briefly explain how change are usually measure.

- 4a. Elucidate factors that is conducive to change within a social system.
- 4b. Enumerate the dimensions of social change
- 4c. Briefly explain any (2) two of the following;  
(i) Economic change (ii) technological change (ii) cultural change (iv) behavioral change.

- 5a. Define group and group dynamic. Briefly explain the concept of group dynamic.
- 5b. Write a short note on the theories of group development.
- 5c. Groups can be classified into two, describe any one.

- 6a. Discuss at least five (5) general factors that can resist adoption of change in the rural societies.
- 6b. Discuss the differences between the urban and the rural settlements.

- 7a. Enumerate the characteristics of rural settlement.
- 7b. Elucidate three (3) policies as a mean of reducing rural poverty.