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14/16, Ahmadu Bello Way, Victoria Island
SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
October, 2013 Examination

Course Code: AEM741

Course Title: Rural Sociology

Credit Unit: 2

Time Allowed: 2hrs

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

1. (a) Briefly explain the concept of rural sociology
(3mrks)
(b) Discuss three indicators for determining the degree of rurality.
(7mrks)
(c) Of what significance is rural sociology to national development?
(15mrks)
2. (a) Identify and discuss five occupations that rural population engaged in.
(10mrks)
(b) What do you understand by fertility rate?
(2mrks)
(c) Enumerate three reasons why the rural people reproduce at higher rate than the urban people.
(3mrks)
(d) Why is it that people like to migrate from rural area to urban area?
(10mrks)
3. (a) What do you understand by 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) What is agricultural system?
(5mrks)
(b) Define tree crop farming.
(5mrks)
(c) What do you understand by the following terms :(i) Monogamy (ii) Polygamy (iii) Polyandry (iv) Exogamy (d)Endogamy.
(15mrks)

5. (a) Identify and discuss the factors responsible for polygamous marriage in Nigeria. (12mrks)
(b) Define economic institutions. (3mrks)
(c) Enumerate four basic factors of economics institution and discuss three of them. (10mrks)
6. Write short note on any five of the following:
(a) Formal education;
(b) Crop rotation;
(c) Democratic leadership;
(d) Attributes of good leadership; and
(e) Social stratification;
(f) Migration. (5 marks each x 5) (25mrks)