



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA**  
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**MARCH/APRIL 2016 EXAMINATION**  
**SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES**

**AEM741                      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.  
(b) Explain three parameters for determining the degree of rurality.  
(c) Discuss the significance of rural sociology to national development
2. (a) Identify and discuss five occupations that rural population engaged in.  
(b) What do you understand by fertility rate?  
(c) State three reasons why the rural people reproduce at higher rate than the urban people.  
(d) In Nigeria people like to migrate from rural area to urban area. Discuss
3. (a) What do you understand by voluntary associations?  
(b) Mention five characteristics of associations.  
(c) Briefly discuss why voluntary association is significant to members of the society.  
(d) Differentiate between nucleated and dispersed settlement patterns.
4. (a) Explain the concept of agricultural system  
(b) Define crop rotation.  
(c) What do you understand by the following terms : (i) Monogamy (ii) Polygamy (iii) Polyandry (iv) Exogamy (v) Endogamy.
5. (a) Identify and discuss the factors responsible for polygamous marriage in Nigeria.  
(b) Define economic institutions.  
(c) Enumerate four basic factors of economic institution and discuss three of them.
6. Write short notes on any five of the following terms:  
(a) Non formal education;  
(b) Shifting cultivation;  
(c) Dictatorial leader;

- (d) Situational theory; and
- (e) Social mobility;
- (f) Migration.