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COURSE CODE: AEM741

COURSE TITLE: Rural Sociology

Time Allowed: 2hrs

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

1. (a) Briefly explain the concept of rural sociology (3mrks)
(b) Explain three parameters for determining the degree of rurality. (7mrks)
(c) Discuss the significance of 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) State three reasons why the rural people reproduce at higher rate than the urban people. (3mrks)
(d) In Nigeria people like to migrate from rural area to urban area. Discuss (10mrks)
3. (a) What do you understand by voluntary associations? (5mrks)
(b) Mention five characteristics of associations. (5mrks)
(c) Briefly discuss why voluntary association is significant to members of the society. (10mrks)
(d) Differentiate between nucleated and dispersed settlement patterns. (5mrks)
4. (a) Explain the concept of agricultural system (5mrks)
(b) Define crop rotation. (5mrks)
(c) What do you understand by the following terms : (i) Monogamy (ii) Polygamy (iii) Polyandry (iv) Exogamy (v) 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 notes on any five of the following terms:

- (a) Non formal education;
- (b) Shifting cultivation;
- (c) Democratic leadership;
- (d) Characteristics of a good leadership; and
- (e) Social mobility;
- (f) Migration. (5 marks each x 5 = 25mrks)