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Faculty of Agricultural Sciences
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Programme: Agricultural Economics and Extension

Course Code: AEM 741

Course Title: Rural Sociology

Credit Unit: 2

Total Score: 100 Marks

Time Allowed: 2 Hours

Instruction: Answer any four (4) Questions

1. Explain the concept of Rural and Urban settings in Nigeria. **5 marks**
 - b. Rural Sociology as a scientific study of rural life fosters a country's development. Discuss. **8 marks**
 - c. Discuss the different scientific methods employed by rural sociologists in their investigation. **12 marks**
2. Briefly differentiate Rural and Urban settings in the dimensions of occupation, social differentiation, social mobility and social solidarity. **12 marks**
 - b. Discuss the different agricultural practices prevalent in the rural areas. **9 marks**
 - c. State four reasons why rural population differs from urban population in relation to age. **4 marks**
3. What do you understand by Rural Migration? **4 marks**
 - b. State reasons why people move from one place to another. **9 marks**
 - c. State the characteristics and five importance of voluntary organizations **12 marks**
4. Explain the term Social Status. **5.5 marks**
 - b. State the Social Values found in the rural areas of Nigeria. **10.5 marks**
 - c. State the advantages and disadvantages of Dispersed Settlement Pattern. **9 marks**
5. Discuss the three types of identifiable powers from the sociological point of view. **5 marks**
 - b. Discuss the types of Leaders in Nigeria. **10 marks**
 - c. What are the characteristics that influence effective leadership? **10 marks**
6. Write short notes on any five headings
 - a. Shifting Cultivation. **5 marks**
 - b. Mechanized farming. **5 marks**
 - c. Hoe Culture. **5 marks**
 - d. Advanced Animal Plough Culture. **5 marks**
 - e. Magical Beliefs. **5 marks**
 - f. Diffusion. **5 marks**