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PART TIME

COURSE CODE: AEE: 5122

COURSE TITLE: Sociology of Rural Development

EXAM VENUE:

STREAM: MSc (Agric. Ext. Edu.)

DATE:

EXAM SESSION:

TIME: 3.00 HOURS

Instructions:

- 1. Answer ALL questions.**
- 2. Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper.**
- 3. Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room.**

Question 1

Sociology is a relatively new academic discipline. It emerged in the early 19th century in response to the challenges of modernity.

- a) Discuss the “*Law of three stages*” as labeled by Auguste Comte for an understanding of the society. [9 Marks]
- b) Explain the defining principles of sociology today in contrast to previous understandings [11 Marks]
- c) Define the following Sociology of Rural Development terminologies:
 - i. Socialization. [2 marks]
 - ii. Sustainable development. [2 marks]
 - iii. Systematic thinking. [2 marks]
 - iv. Social energy. [2 marks]

Question 2

Development is a concept which is contested both theoretically and politically, and is inherently both complex and ambiguous.

- a) Discuss development as “a long term process of structural societal transformation” as opposed to “Development as a short to medium term outcome of desirable targets”. [15 Marks]
- b) Give a critique of the definition of “development as a dominant discourse of Western Modernity”. [5 Marks]

Question 3

Rural Sustainable Development recognizes that any development process must be able to be maintained and have continuity of process through time.

- a) With the help of schematic, illustrate integrating ideas in Sustainable rural development. [8 Marks]
- b) Discuss “Social infrastructure” and “Social capital and cohesion” as emerging issues in Rural development. [7 Marks]
- c) Briefly explain the relevance of institutions to rural development. [5 Marks]

Question 4

The basic “stuff” of a system is energy. Energy can be in the form of information and resources. Social system action can therefore be understood as the movement of energy/information within a system and between a system and its environment.

- a) Briefly explain the energy sources for personality systems. [8 Marks]
- b) With the help of a diagram illustrate and discuss the four [4] basic energy functions in a social system. [8 Marks]
- c) Explain the fundamental concept in the “chaos theory” in the social systems context. [4 Marks]