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# University Examinations 2015/2016

# FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR IN HORTICULTURE

# ALP 2401: SOCIOLOGY OF EXTENSION AND DEVELOPMENT

#### DATE: NOVEMBER 2015

TIME: 2 HOURS

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Answer question **one** and any other **two** questions

### **QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

a)	here has been an academic debate whether sociology is a science or not. Discuss five	
	proofs that sociology is a science.	(10 Marks)
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- b) Define the following concepts as used in agricultural extension.
  - i) Social groups
  - ii) Social change
  - iii) Change agent
  - iv) Informal education
  - v) Socialization (5 Marks)
- c) Describe any five Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) (10 Marks)
- d) Discuss the role of farmer groups in rural development (5 Marks)

#### **QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

a) The adaption of innovations in agriculture is known to follow a certain trend. Discuss the adaption process of a new poultry breed by farmers in Kenya. (10 Marks)
b) Culture gives identity of any society. Discuss the various characteristics of culture (10 Marks)

### **QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Discuss five effective methods of disseminating information in agricultural extension (10Marks)
- b) For a young person to obtain a loan from UWEZO FUND, they must be in a registered group. Explain why this is important. (10 Marks)

# **QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

a) Distinguish between primary and secondary social groups (5 Marks)
b) Discuss National Agricultural and Livestock Extension Programme (NALEP) giving its objectives, mode of operation, successes and failures. (15 Marks)