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FIRST YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR DIPLOMA IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND EXTENSION/CERTIFICATE IN AGRICULTURE

AGR 0121: INTRODUCTION TO RURAL URBAN SOCIOLOGY

DATE: APRIL 2011

TIME: 1½ HOURS

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

QUESTION ONE – (30 MARKS)

- (a) Explain how the legitimate power in a social system is gained. (4 Marks)
- (b) Explain the differences between rural communities and urban communities. (8 Marks)
- (c) Define the following terms:
 - (i) Cultural variability
 - (ii) Social category
 - (iii) Social stratification
 - (iv) Social value
 - (v) Egalitarian family (10 Marks)
- (d) Explain the role of a group in the agricultural development. (6 Marks)
- (e) What do you understand by the term social mobility? (2 Marks)

QUESTION TWO – (15 MARKS)

- (a) Information and knowledge adopters are categorized according to their time of adoption. Describe the characteristics of the following adopters' categories.
 - (i) Innovators
 - (ii) Early adopters
 - (iii) Early majority
 - (iv) Late majority
 - (v) Laggards. (10 Marks)

- (b) The individual personality is as a result of many factors. Social value is one of these factors. Explain how a social value affects the behavior of a person. (5 Marks)

QUESTION THREE – (15 MARKS)

- (a) Explain five characteristics of a social institutions (5 Marks)
(b) Describe five sources of power that a person can use to gain power. (5 Marks)
(c) Explain the multifunctional role of family institution. (5 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR – (15 MARKS)

- (a) Explain eight ways that can be used to stratify people in a society. (8 Marks)
(b) Explain how a planned social change may occur in social system. (4 Marks)
(c) Discuss how war and social conflict can bring a social change in a society. (3 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE – (15 MARKS)

- (a) Describe the characteristics of power in leadership. (5 Marks)
(b) When people come together and interact they develop group structure. Explain five (5) aspects of group structures in a social system. (10 Marks)