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FIRST YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE/DIPLOMA IN
AGRICULTURE

AGR 0121: INTRODUCTION TO RURAL AND URBAN SOCIOLOGY

DATE: AUGUST 2013

TIME: 1½HOURS

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

QUESTION ONE – (30 MARKS)

- a. Explain the following terms: (5 Marks)
- Ethnocentrism
 - Cultural relativity
 - Social structure
 - Cultural lag
 - Society
- b. What is the significance of rural sociology to agricultural officers? (5 Marks)
- c. Explain the role of groups in agricultural development. (6 Marks)
- d. Explain four characteristics of power in leadership. (4 Marks)
- e. Describe the five main categories of adopters in the adoption process. (10 Marks)

QUESTION TWO – 15 MARKS

- a. Distinguish between the following: (4 Marks)
- Ascribed status and achieved status
 - Planned and unplanned social change.
- b. What is leadership? (1 Mark)
- c. Discuss the following leadership styles as they apply to rural societies (10 Marks)
- Democratic leadership
 - Supervisory leadership

QUESTION THREE – 15 MARKS

- a. Describe two functions of each of the following social institutions in a society. (6 Marks)
- Family
 - Religion
 - Education
- b. Explain how social norms can be used as a social control. (9 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR – 15 MARKS

- a. Highlight five characteristics of rural society and five from urban society. (5 Marks)
- b. Explain rural sociology as a science. (6 Marks)
- c. Explain the importance of culture. (4 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE – 15 MARKS

- a. Describe the steps involved in decision making. (10 Marks)
- b. Describe the Indian caste system. (5 Marks)