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## University Examinations 2012/2013

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

### AGR 0121: INTRODUCTION TO RURAL AND URBAN SOCIOLOGY

**DATE: APRIL 2013**

**TIME: 1½HOURS**

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

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#### QUESTION ONE – (30 MARKS)

- a. Explain how a planned social change may occur in a social system. (4 Marks)
- b. Explain the differences between rural communities and urban communities. (8 Marks)
- c. Explain the role of group in agricultural development. (6 Marks)
- d. What do you understand by the following:
  - i. Cultural category
  - ii. Social value
  - iii. Opinion leader
  - iv. Egalitarian family
- e. What is social mobility? (2 Marks)

#### QUESTION TWO – 15 MARKS

- a. Social value is one of the factors that shapes personality of an individual. Explain how this happens. (5 Marks)
- b. Information and knowledge adopters are categorized according to their time of adoption. Describe these categories. (10 Marks)

#### QUESTION THREE – 15 MARKS

- a. Explain the characteristics of social institutions. (5 Marks)
- b. Explain the multi-functional role of family institutions. (10 Marks)

#### QUESTION FOUR – 15 MARKS

- a. Explain five sources of power. (5 Marks)
- b. Explain the various types of social stratification and in each give the advantages and their disadvantages. (10 Marks)

**QUESTION FIVE – 15 MARKS**

- a. What are five aspects of group structures in a social system? (10 Marks)
- b. Describe the characteristics of power in leadership. (5 Marks)