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## University Examinations 2013/2014

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

### AGR 0121 – RURAL AND URBAN SOCIOLOGY

DATE: DECEMBER 2013

TIME: 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  HOURS

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

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#### QUESTION ONE – 30 MARKS

- (a) Explain the following terms as used in Sociology.
- (i) Social structure
  - (ii) Relative advantage
  - (iii) Culture
  - (iv) Rural sociology
  - (v) Influence (5Marks)
- (b) Explain five effects of social stratification in a social system. (5Marks)
- (c) Explain any five problems that face farmers which may be overcome through formation of cooperative societies. (5Marks)
- (d) Explain any five functions of education as a social institution. (5Marks)
- (e) Describe any five characteristics of rural societies. (5Marks)
- (f) Explain the significance of rural and urban sociology to agricultural officers. (5Marks)

## **QUESTION TWO – 15 MARKS**

- (a) Discuss family as a social institution. (10Marks)
- (b) Explain the significance of groups in agricultural development. (5Marks)

## **QUESTION THREE – 15 MARKS**

- (a) Distinguish between the following:
- (i) Class and caste system
  - (ii) Horizontal and vertical mobility (4Marks)
- (b) Explain the characteristics of the caste system (5Marks)
- (c) Citing an example, explain how culture may hinder or promote development in a social system. (6Marks)

## **QUESTION FOUR – 15 MARKS**

- (a) A new farming method has been introduced in Meru Country, describe five main stages the farmers are likely to go through before they decide to adopt or reject the method. (10Marks)
- (b) Explain how intergenerational social mobility occurs. (5Marks)

## **QUESTION FIVE – 15 MARKS**

- (a) A social change may be either planned or unplanned. Discuss. (10Marks)
- (b) Explain the effects of good leadership in Agriculture development. (5Marks)