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**University Examinations 2011/2012**

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

**AGRI 0121: RURAL AND URBAN SOCIOLOGY**

**DATE: AUGUST 2011**

**TIME: 1½ HOURS**

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

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**QUESTION ONE – (30 MARKS)**

- (a) Describe the characteristic behavior of learners as they adopt a new innovation. (10 Marks)
- (b) Identify ten signs and symbols and explain their application in a farming community. (10 Marks)
- (c) Explain the following:
  - (i) Cultural relativity
  - (ii) Ethnocentrism
  - (iii) Cultural trait(5 Marks)
- (d) Explain the five characteristics of power in leadership. (5 Marks)

**QUESTION TWO – (15 MARKS)**

- (a) Discuss family in its social institution context (10 Marks)
- (b) Describe the various methods that can be used to identify leaders in rural societies. (5 Marks)

**QUESTION THREE – (15 MARKS)**

- (a) Explain how social norms and values can be used as a social control. (7 Marks)
- (b) By citing an example, explain how culture may hinder or promote development in social system. (8 Marks)

**QUESTION FOUR – (15 MARKS)**

Discuss the following leadership styles as they apply in rural societies:

- (a) Democratic leadership
- (b) Supervisory leadership
- (c) Opinion leadership

(15 Marks)

**QUESTION FIVE – (15 MARKS)**

- (a) A social change may either be planned or unplanned. Discuss.
- (b) Explain how intergenerational social mobility occurs.

(10 Marks)

(5 Marks)