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Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, Dept. of Agricultural Economics and Extension,
PoP Examination Questions, 2021

Course Title: Advance Rural Sociology

Course Code: ARD 506

Credit Unit: 2 Units

Total Score: 70 Marks

Time Allowed: 2 Hrs

INSTRUCTION: Answer 3 Questions Only

QUESTION 1

- a). Explain the scope of sociology (4.0 Marks)
- b). Researchers have found that higher crop yields reduce both the number of rural poor and the severity of rural poverty. But these effects are strong only if certain conditions are met. Discuss. (10.0 Marks)
- c). What is a social structure? (6.0 Marks)
- d). There are different types of social change, examine any TWO (2) (4.0 Marks)

TOTAL MARKS FOR QUESTION 1 = 24.0 Marks

QUESTION 2.

- a). Explain on any four (4) characteristics of social change? (6.0 Marks)
- b). There are factors within the social systems which are conducive for bringing about change and the change agent could exploit these to his advantage. Expatriate this statement highlighting any FOUR (4) of the factors (8.0 Marks)
- c). Define group dynamics (3.0 Marks)

d). The right to adequate land and water is another area of focus to reduce poverty. Expatiate this statement. (6.0 Marks)

TOTAL MARKS FOR QUESTION 2 = 23.0 Marks

QUESTION 3.

- a). Briefly discuss the different stages of group development (15.0 Marks)
- b). Explain group size as a structure (5.0 Marks)
- c). Urban settlements differ from rural settlements especially in terms of economic and social factors, expatiate. (3.0 Marks)

QUESTION 4.

- a). The Role of the change agent and Community characteristics are factors affecting acceptance of change. Discuss these two factors. (8.0 Marks)
- b). Explain illiteracy as a characteristic of rural settlement (5.0 Marks)
- c). Numerous characteristics of a country's economy and society, as well as some external influences, create and perpetuate rural poverty. Enumerate at least FIVE (5) of these characteristics. (10.0 Marks)