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Course Title: Introduction to Rural Life

Course Code: AEM311

Credit Unit: 2

Total Score: 70 Marks

Time Allowed: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTION: Answer compulsory question 1 (25 marks) and any other 3 questions (15 marks each).

QUESTION 1

- a). Explain the concept of rural area highlighting its distinguishing features. (4.0 Marks)
- b). Enumerate any 6 of the characteristics of rural areas (6.0 Marks)
- c). Examine 4 characteristics of urban areas (4.0 Marks)
- d). Examine 2 inter-relationship between the rural and urban areas. (2.0 Marks)
- e). Explain any 3 of the factors that determine quality of community life. (3.0 Marks)
- f). Communities are worth living in, but they are not without their problems. Categorise these problems into social infrastructure, physical infrastructure and institutional infrastructure. 2+ 2 +2 (6.0 Marks)

TOTAL MARKS FOR QUESTION 1 = 25.0 Marks

QUESTION 2.

- a). State and explain the different types of Settlements in Nigeria. 2+3 (5.0 Marks)
- b). Differentiate between any 2 of the categories of settlements in the rural area. 2+ 2 (4.0 Marks)
- c). Discuss size of area, population density/composition and closeness to nature as some of the specific differences between urban and rural areas. 2+2+2 (6.0 Marks)

TOTAL MARKS FOR QUESTION 2 = 15.0 Marks

QUESTION 3.

- a). What do you understand by Economic Communities? Briefly explain any 3 of the economic activities of communities. 2+3 (5.0 Marks)
- b). What are sources of funds and discuss any 3 of the various types associated with it? 2+3 (5.0 Marks)
- c). Enumerate the various sources of information available for people in communities for aiding their economic developmental activities. (5.0 Marks)

TOTAL MARKS FOR QUESTION 3 = 15.0 Marks

QUESTION 4.

a). write short notes on any 2 of the following as sources of information;

- i). Individuals/Relations
- ii). Radio/Television
- iii). Agricultural Extension Services
- iv). The Model Farmer (4.0 Marks)

b). Explain what you understand by quality of life. (5.0 Marks)

c). List the factors that determine quality of rural life. (6.0 Marks)

TOTAL MARKS FOR QUESTION 4 = 15.0 Marks

QUESTION 5.

a). Some communities are characterized based on Shared Territory, Shared Belief, Shared Bonds of Fellowship and Set Standards. Discuss any 2 of the characteristics. 3 + 3 (6.0 Marks)

b). Apart from the characteristics of communities mention in Question 5. a), enumerate 3 other characteristics of communities you know. (4.0 Marks)

c). Highlight issues of name bearing among rural communities' members in a typical Nigerian setting. (5.0 Marks)

TOTAL MARKS FOR QUESTION 5 = 15.0 Marks

QUESTION 6.

a). Illiteracy is a problem of rural communities deterring development. Expatiate this statement. (4.0 Marks)

b). Explain poverty in the context of inherent problem of rural communities. (4.0 Marks)

c). What are types of poverty? Explain any 3 of the different types. (4.0 Marks)

d). Highlight the strategies for poverty alleviation. (3.0 Marks)

TOTAL MARKS FOR QUESTION 6 = 15.0 Marks