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FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION, APRIL 2019**

Course Title: Introduction to Rural Life

Course Code: AEM311

Credit Unit: 2

Total Score: 70 Marks

Time Allowed: 2 Hours

Instructions: Answer compulsory question one (25 marks) and any other three questions (15 marks each)

- 1 a Briefly explain the concept of poverty (5 marks)
b Discuss four categories of poverty you know (8 marks)
c Write short notes on;
(i) Absolute poverty (2½ marks)
(ii) Relative poverty (2½ marks)
d Enumerate seven causes of poverty according to World Bank (7 marks)
- 2 a Mention any six (6) strategies for poverty reduction in Nigeria (6 marks)
b Discuss any six (6) distinguishing features of rural areas in Nigeria (9 marks)
- 3 a Rural and urban areas often interact for social benefits. Discuss five (5) of these interactions with regards to Nigeria (10 marks).
b Rural dwellers rely on different sources for information. Mention five (5) of these sources (5 marks)
- 4 a Rural community in Nigeria share some basic characteristics, mention six (6) of them (3 marks)
b Discuss extensively six (6) shared basic characteristics of rural community as listed in 4a above (12 marks)
- 5 a List four (4) sources of credit to rural dwellers (2 marks)
b Discuss four (4) sources of credit to the rural dwellers as listed in 5a above (8 marks)
c List five (5) challenges facing rural areas in Nigeria (5 marks)
- 6 a Identify any six (6) basic features of urban settlements in Nigeria (6 marks)
b Discuss six (6) identified features in (6a) above (9 marks)