



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA  
FACULTY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES  
SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION  
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**Course Title: Advanced Rural Sociology**

**Course Code: AEM 506**

**Credit Unit: 3**

**Total Score: 70 Marks**

**Time Allowed: 3 Hours**

**INSTRUCTION:**

**Answer Compulsory question 1 (30 marks) and any 4 questions (10 marks each).**

1a) differentiate between the following

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| i.   | Sociology and rural sociology | 4mrks |
| ii.  | Change and social change      | 4mrks |
| iii. | Group and group dynamics      | 4mrks |
| iv.  | Rural and urban               | 4mrks |
| v.   | Patrilineal and matrilineal   | 4mrks |

b) Advanced five (5) characteristics of urban settlements

5mrks

c) State five problems of rural societies 5mrks

Total = 30 mrks

2a) The following factors affect innovation positively and negatively.

Discuss

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| i. | Relative advantage | 2mrks |
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- ii. Cost 2mrks
- iii. Complexity 2mrks
- iv. Visibility 2mrks
- v. Divisibility 2mrks

Total = 10mrks

3a) Discuss the criteria used in defining rural/urban settlements. 10mrks

4a) Discuss the evolutionary theory of development

- i. Proponents 2mrks
- ii. Founder/year 2mrks
- iii. Stages of development 6mrks

Total = 10mrks

5a) Describe the measurement of change under the following subtopics

- i. Economic indicators 2mrks
- ii. Demography 2mrks
- iii. Social indicator 2mrks

b) Discuss any two (2) sources of change 4mrks

Total = 10mrks

6a) Stages of group development is inevitable. Discuss

10mrks

7) Explain

a. State the importance of sociology to Agricultural development

6mrks

b. What is group structure?

2mrks

c. What is poverty?

2mrks

Total = 10mrks