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PoP Examination Questions, 2022\_2 Academic Session*

**Course Title: Introduction To Rural Life**

**Course Code: AEM 311**

**Credit Unit: 2 Units**

**Total Score: 70 Marks**

**Time Allowed: 2Hrs**

**INSTRUCTION: Answer 3 Question Only**

- 1 (a) Rural and urban settlements are said to be interdependent. Discuss four (4) ways in which this interdependence is manifested.
- 1 (b) Give four (4) reasons why you will recommend the study of 'Rural Life' to an Agricultural extension or Social worker?
- 1 (c) Discuss 4 problems militating against development of rural areas in Nigeria.
- 1 (d) Discuss the following characteristics as they related to a rural area in your State of origin.
  - i Small farm holdings
  - ii Settlement of temporary abode
  - iii Dependence on household labour
  - iv Proportion of non-educated persons
  
- 2a. (i). What is 'Poverty'?
- 2a. (ii) Discuss the 4 classes of poverty postulated by the World Bank.
- 2 (b) Write short notes on the following.
  - i Farming Communities,
  - ii Hunting Communities
  - iii Lumbering Communities.
- 2 (c) You have been consulted by the management of a newly formed Association to advice on ways in which membership into the association could be recruited. State 3 options available to the management of the association to recruit new members. (3 marks)
- 2d. Explain how the underlisted variables influence the quality of life as obtained in rural areas of Nigeria.
  - i. Family life
  - ii. Community attitudes
  - iii. Employment opportunities
  
- 3 (ai) What is 'Quality of life'
- (aia) Briefly discuss the following settlement types
  - i Farm Camp/Farming Village/Hamlet
  - ii Medium Size Farming Village
  - iii Large Farming Village

3 (b) Discuss any four (4) sources of credit available to rural dwellers.

3 (c) Agriculture plays critical role in rural economic life. Discuss any 4 of these.

4a (i) What is an 'Association'?

4a. (ii) List 4 associations that can be found in rural Nigeria.

4 (b) Discuss the following characteristics in relation to urban centres in the Nigeria socioeconomic environment

i Educational Institutions

ii Market Facility

iii Electricity Supply

iv Industrial Establishments

4 (c) You are required to communicate information to rural/urban dwellers. Discuss in brief, 4 media you will employ to accomplish this.

4 (d). Using the following parameters, clearly distinguish between urban and rural settlements (6 marks)

i Area size

ii Population density

iii closeness to nature

iv occupational distribution