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FACULTY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES  
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**2025\_2 EXAMINATIONS**

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Course Code: ARD508  
Course Title: **Technological and Social Change in Agriculture**  
Credit Unit: 2  
Instruction: Answer Question 1(30 marks) and any other 2 questions (20 marks)  
Time Allowed: 2 hours.

- 1a. Explain the term, 'agricultural mechanization'. (3marks)
- 1b. Write short note on 'Time-span' of social change (4marks)
- 1c. State three (3) anti-resistance strategies to technology change in rural areas. (3marks)
- 1d. Discuss briefly effect of culture on technology transfer. (6marks)
- 1e. Highlight method-related factor considered in introducing new innovation to rural farmers. (9marks)
- 1f. Outline 5 roles of extension in agricultural development. (5marks)
  
- 2a. Explain three principles of effective change management. (6marks)
- 2b. State five principles to consider in designing farming implements in mechanization.(5marks)
- 2c. Highlight three factors that determine the magnitude of change in farmers.(6marks)
- 2d. Explain the term, "technology transfer" (3marks)
  
- 3a. Discuss provider-related factors of new technology in agriculture. (5marks)
- 3b. outline three (3) lessons of Indian collaborative approach in improving agricultural mechanization.(6marks)
- 3c. Differentiate between internal and external changes in the social system. (3 marks)
- 3d. State three branches of agricultural engineering. (3marks)
- 3e. Highlight three ethical issues in technology use by farmers.(3marks)
  
- 4a. Explain 3 characteristics of an agricultural innovation. (9 marks)
- 4b. Discuss briefly Client-related factor in introducing change in a rural area. (6marks)
- 4c. Outline 5 functions of an extension agent in technology transfer process.(5marks)