



**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA**  
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**FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCES**  
**2025\_2 EXAMINATIONS**

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**COURSE CODE: CRD 324 CREDIT UNIT: 2**

**COURSE TITLE: RURAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES**

**1. TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS**

**2. INSTRUCTION: 1. Indicate your matriculation number clearly  
2. Answer Question one (1) & attempt any other two (2) questions**

**3. Question one (1) is Compulsory and carries 30 marks. While any other two (2) answers attract 20 marks each. With total of 70 marks**

**4. Present all your points in Coherent and orderly Manner**

1. a. The concept of development goes beyond increases in per capita and financial aspects of people's lives; state any five (5) deductive conclusions that can be arrived at the meaning of development (10 Marks)
- b. Define rural development and make three (3) clear deductions from the definition. (10 Marks)
- c. Rural development objectives are put in place based on the needs of the people and the nature of the rural development project; outline any five (5) of these objectives. (10 Marks)
  
- 2a. Identify and explain any ten (10) steps you would follow in bringing about socio-economic development in your locality. (10 Marks)
- b. Nigeria have been attempting to develop their rural areas with different actors, interventionists and various traditional approaches compare and contrast the following classifies approaches.
  - i. Rural Urban Interaction
  - ii. Intersectoral/Zonal Coordination (10 Marks)
  
3. a. Itemize five (5) indices of rural development (10 Marks)
- b. There are several stages to rural development planning, implementation and appraisal; discuss any five (5) of the stages in detail (10 Marks)
  
4. a. There are several self-help organizations that are found in rural communities which assist in financing rural development projects; name and explain any five (5) self-help groups that you know. (10 Marks)
- b. Briefly discuss any two (2) of these community modernization programmes of past and present governments of Nigeria
  - i. River Basin Development Authorities (RBDAs)
  - ii. National Directorate of Employment (NDE)
  - iii. National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS)