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**2025\_2 EXAMINATIONS**

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**COURSE CODE: CRD 422**

**COURSE TITLE: Social Processes and Comparative Rural Social Systems**

**CREDIT UNIT: 3**

**TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS**

**INSTRUCTION: 1. Attempt question number one (1) and any other Two (2)**

- 2. Question Number One (1) is compulsory and attracts 30 Marks, while any other two Questions attract 20 Marks each**
- 3. Present your answers in a clear and orderly manner**

**QUESTION 1:** There are so many theories of human Evolution as propounded by various scholars and philosophers. Charles Darwin (1809-1882), August Comte (1798-1857), Emile Durkheim (1893-1933) are some of the theorist of human evolution. Discuss the theory of Biological Evolution propounded by Charles Darwin and other theorists as well as the relevance of their theory to social change. *[30 Marks]*

**QUESTION 2:** In Nigeria there are many institutions, programme, policies, decisions and other factors that can serve as an Agents of Social Change. Richard (2006), in his own wisdom identified some agents of social change, identify these Richard agents of social change and practically discuss how these identified agents can facilitate social change in Nigeria social system. *[20 marks]*

**QUESTION 3:** Active participation of the beneficiary communities in the developmental projects and programmes is very crucial to the success of any developmental projects and programmes. As such, there is need to initiate community participation in developmental projects and programmes. Determine the ways to initiate an effective and active participation of beneficiary communities in developmental projects and programmes in Nigeria. *[20 Marks]*

**QUESTION 4:** The establishment of industries (agro base and non-agro base industries), especially in the rural areas is an important strategy for transforming the rural economies. However, before the process of rural industrial development can have a favourable demand effect on the course of rural development, several conditions must be fulfilled. Evaluate these

conditions needed to be fulfilled and explain how the conditions can facilitate rural economy development. *[20 Marks]*

**QUESTION 5:** Both Uni-Linear and multilinear are evolutionary theory explained the social change from different perspective. Describe Uni-Linear and Multi-Linear theory and use their tenets and premise to distinguish Uni-linear evolutionary theory and multilinear theorists and discuss their relevance to social change processes. *[20 Marks]*