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**FACULTY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND EXTENSION**  
**2020\_2 EXAMINATION**

**Course Code: AEM 506:**

**Course Title: Advanced Rural Sociology**

**Credit Unit: 2**

**Time Allowed: 2 Hours**

**Instruction: Answer question 1 (25marks) and any other three (3) (15marks each) questions**

- 1a (i). Clearly give the definition of sociology **2marks**  
(ii). What are the significance of rural sociology to the society **3marks**
- b. Explain the term matrilineal and patrilineal form of inheritance. **= 5marks**
- c. Briefly explain the cause of social change as identifies by conflict theory **=5marks**
- d. Explain two (2) methods used in collecting data for social change. **=5marks**
- e. (i). Give the definition of a group. **2 ½ marks**  
(ii). Outline Tuckman's five (5) stages of group development **2 ½ marks**
- 2 (a). Clearly outline the social structure of the agrarian system. **10 marks**  
(b). Explain the psycho dynamic theory of social change. **5marks**
3. Briefly discuss five (5) sources of social change in the society. **= 15 Marks**
- 4 (a). List five (5) characteristics of change process. **7 ½ marks**  
(b). What are the five (5) dimensions of social systems. **7 ½ marks**
5. Discuss the factors conducive for change within the social system. **=15 Marks.**
- 6 (a) With the help of clear examples, described formal and informal groups of society. **10marks**  
(b) List five (5) characteristics of the change/innovation in rural societies **5marks**