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Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, Dept. of Agricultural Economics and Extension,
PoP Examination Questions, 2021 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. (6 marks)
 - 1 (b) Give four (4) reasons why you will recommend the study of 'Rural Life' to an Agricultural extension or Social worker? (6 marks)
 - 1 (c) Discuss 4 problems militating against development of rural areas in Nigeria. (6 marks)
 - 1 (d) Discuss the following characteristics as they related to a rural area in your State of origin. (6 marks)
 - i Small farm holdings (1.5 marks)
 - ii Settlement of temporary abode (1.5 marks)
 - iii Dependence on household labour (1.5 marks)
 - iv Proportion of non-educated persons (1.5 marks)
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- 2a. (i). What is 'Poverty'? (3 marks)
 - 2a. (ii) Discuss the 4 classes of poverty postulated by the World Bank. (6 marks)
 - 2 (b) Write short notes on the following. (6 marks)
 - 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 (2mks)
 - ii. Community attitudes (2 mks)
 - iii. Employment opportunities (1 mk)
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- 3 (ai) What is 'Quality of life' (3 mks)
 - (aai) Briefly discuss the following settlement types (6 marks)
 - 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. (8 marks)
3 (c) Agriculture plays critical role in rural economic life. Discuss any 4 of these. (6 marks)

4a (i) What is an 'Association'? (3 marks).

4a. (ii) List 4 associations that can be found in rural Nigeria. (2 mark)

4 (b) Discuss the following characteristics in relation to urban centres in the Nigeria socioeconomic environment (6 marks)

- i Educational Institutions (1.5 mark)
- ii Market Facility (1.5 mark)
- iii Electricity Supply (1.5 mark)
- iv Industrial Establishments (1.5 mark)

4 (c) You are required to communicate information to rural/urban dwellers. Discuss in brief, 4 media you will employ to accomplish this. (6 marks)

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

- i Area size (1.5 marks)
- ii Population density (1.5 marks)
- iii closeness to nature (1.5 marks)
- iv occupational distribution (1.5 marks)