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**FACULTY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES**

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND EXTENSION**

**FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION, APRIL 2019**

**Course Title:** Introduction to Rural Life

**Course Code:** AEM311

**Credit Unit:** 2

**Total Score:** 70 Marks

**Time Allowed:** 2 Hours

**Instructions: Answer compulsory question one (25 marks) and any other three questions (15 marks each)**

1 a Briefly explain the concept of poverty **(5 marks)**

b Discuss four categories of poverty you know **(8 marks)**

c Write short notes on;

1. Absolute poverty **(2½ marks)**
2. Relative poverty **(2½ marks)**

d Enumerate seven causes of poverty according to World Bank **(7 marks)**

2 a Mention any six (6) strategies for poverty reduction in Nigeria **(6 marks)**

b Discuss any six (6) distinguishing features of rural areas in Nigeria **(9 marks)**

3 a Rural and urban areas often interact for social benefits. Discuss five (5) of these interactions with regards to Nigeria **(10 marks).**

b Rural dwellers rely on different sources for information. Mention five (5) of these sources

**(5 marks)**

4 a Rural community in Nigeria share some basic characteristics, mention six (6) of them **(3 marks)**

b Discuss extensively six (6) shared basic characteristics of rural community as listed in 4a above

**(12 marks)**

5 a List four (4) sources of credit to rural dwellers **(2 marks)**

b Discuss four (4) sources of credit to the rural dwellers as listed in 5a above **(8 marks)**

c List five (5) challenges facing rural areas in Nigeria **(5 marks)**

6 a Identify any six (6) basic features of urban settlements in Nigeria **(6 marks)**

b Discuss six (6) identified features in (6a) above **(9 marks)**