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AEM 504: RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

INSTRUCTION: Answer compulsory question 1 (25 marks) and any other 3 questions (15 marks each).

1. (a) (i) Define Rural Community Development in Nigerian context.
(2 marks)
- (ii) Briefly explain any five (5) social indicators for understanding societal development.
7.5 marks (1.5 marks for each)
- (b) (i) Explain the differences between development, growth and westernization.
6 marks
- (ii) State the criticisms of these social indicators mentioned in b (i) above
1.5 Marks
- (c) (i) State any six (6) rationales for studying rural community development
3 marks (0.5 marks for each)
- (ii) Give brief account of the followings;
- a) Self esteem **2.5 marks**
- b) Freedom **2.5 marks**

Total marks for Question 1 = 25

2. Explain the following scope of development from these core values;

- (i) The Economic Policy Perspective of Development **(5 marks)**
- (ii) Self-Esteem **(5 marks)**
- (iii) Freedom **(5 marks)**

3. (a) Discuss the three (3) phases of change/development
9 marks (3marks for each)
- (b) State any six (6) Steps in Community Development
6 marks (1mark each).
4. (a) Explain the following theories of rural community development;
- (i) Structural functionalist theory **(3marks)**
 - (ii) Symbolic interaction. **(3 marks)**
 - (iii) Exchange Theory **(3 marks)**
- (b) Discuss briefly the criticisms of these theories **(6 marks)**
5. (a) Define innovation in the context of agricultural development **(2 marks)**
- (b) Explain the following Sources of Innovation ;
- (i) Top-Oriented Innovation **(4 marks)**
 - (ii) Bottom-Oriented **(4 marks)**
- (b) (i) State any five (5) objectives of innovation **(5 marks)**
6. (a) State any five (5) objectives of the Better Life Programme
(5 marks)
- (b) Explain any five (5) Problems of Institutions and Infrastructural Communities
10 marks (2 marks for each)