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University Village, Nnamdi Azikiwe Expressway, Plot 91, Cadastral Zone, Jabi, Abuja
Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, Dept. of Agricultural Economics and Extension,
PoP Examination Questions, 2021 Academic Session

Course Title: RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Course Code: AEM 504

Credit Unit: 2 Units

Total Score: 70 Marks

Time Allowed: 2 Hrs

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

QUESTION ONE

- a. Define Rural Community Development as a comprehensive programme of social and economic transformation. **(4 Marks)**
- b. Explain any two (2) of the following social change theories that have direct effects on community development: **(5 mks each for any 2 = 10 marks)**
 - (i) Modernization Theory
 - (ii) Equilibrium Theory
 - (iii) Evolution Theory
- c. Explain the effect of Economic Policy Perspective of Development with particular emphasis on poverty, food security and measure of gross national product of Nigeria. **(6 marks)**
- d. Describe any two types of social changes that may partly be conscious or otherwise, and complete or incomplete, in relation to the effects on rural community development. **(4 marks)**

QUESTION TWO

- a. Give a brief account on any five (5) reasons for studying rural community development in Nigeria **(8 marks)**
- b. Development in the rural community sector has been bedeviled with some problems. Discuss any four (4) of them that are related to rural development issues. **(8 marks)**
- c. Give a brief account of the contrasting features of growth and development. **(3 marks)**
- d. Enumerate any three (3) principles of community development **(4 marks)**

QUESTION THREE

- a. Describe any four (4) social indicators that are relevant for understanding societal development. **(10 marks)**

- b. Explain the advantages of equilibrium theory **(7 marks)**
- c. Explain the factors that affect Settlement patterns in rural settings of Nigeria. **(6 marks)**

QUESTION FOUR

- a. Explain the following approaches of community development (12 marks)
 - i. Rural-Urban Interaction
 - ii. Inter-Sectoral Coordination
 - iii. The Package Approach
- b. Explain briefly the history of community in tropical Africa (6 marks)
- c. Discuss the Structural Dependency and Metropolitan-Satellite relations as major challenges of understanding the processes and problems of modernisation and or development in the third world. **(5 marks)**