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**NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA**

**FACULTY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES**

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS AND EXTENSION**

**Course Title: Advanced Rural Sociology Course Code: AEM 506**

**Credit Unit: 3**

**Time Allowed: 3 Hours**

**Instruction: Answer question 1 and any other four (4) questions**

1a (i) Define the concept “sociology”. **2marks**

(ii) Give three (3) general aims of sociology to the society. **3marks =5marks**

b. (i) What do you understand by sociological theories?. **2marks**

(ii) Explain the opinion of the evolutionary theory to the development of the society. **3marks**

**=5marks**

c (i) Clearly state the emphasis of behaviourist theory on social change. **3marks**

(ii) What are the two ways that social change is being measured? **2marks =5marks**

d. Elaborate on five (5) source of social change in societies. **5marks**

e (i) Mention six (6) factors conducive for bringing about change in a social system. **3marks**

(ii) State four stages of Tuckman’s theory of group development. **2marks =5marks**

F. List five (5) factors causing the division of people into groups and societies. =**5marks**

**TOTAL = 30marks**

2a. Discuss four (4) dimensions of social change in the society. **8 marks**

b. Clearly identify two (2) theories of group development in society. **2marks TOTAL=10marks**

3. Discuss five (5) general factors that can resist adoption of change in the rural societies. **10marks**

4a. Explain the differences between urban and rural settlements. **=5marks**.

b. Differentiate between formal and informal types of groups in society.**5marks TOTAL = 10marks.**

5a. Clearly state ten (10) ways in which rural poverty is created in societies. **5marks.**

b. Define rural sociology and states its significance in societies. **5marks TOTAL = 10marks**

6a. Define rural poverty. 2 ½ **mark**

b. Explain five (5) key policy components needed to reduce rural poverty in rural societies. 7 ½ **marks TOTAL =10 marks**

7 (a). Differentiate between formal and informal types of groups in society**. 5marks**

(b). Identify five (5) characteristics of urban settlements. **5marks TOTAL =10marks**