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**2021\_1 EXAMINATIONS**

**COURSE CODE: ESM308**

**COURSE TITLE: RURAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES**

**CREDIT UNIT: 2**

**TIME: 2Hours**

**Instruction:** Attempt question number ONE (1) and any other THREE (3) questions. Question number one (1) is compulsory and carries 25 marks, while the other questions carry equal marks (15 each).

- 1a. Who are the rural dwellers? (4marks)
- 1b. List the Characteristics of rural dwellers in Nigeria (7marks)
- 1c. What are the characteristics of Rural Settlements in Nigeria? (14 marks)
  
- 2a. Discuss the criteria the rural areas can be defined 5 marks)
- 2b. Explain the types of Communities (10 marks)
  
- 3a. What is Community Development? (9 marks)
- 3b. List the approaches to community development (6 marks)
  
- 4a. What are the benefits of Community Development as a Strategy for Rural Development? (9 marks)
- 4b. Highlight the dominant agents involved in community development (6 marks)
  
- 5a. What is a Community? (8 marks)
- 5b. What is the relevance of rural infrastructure to the development of rural dwellers? (7 marks)