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SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DEGREE IN BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN  
COMMUNITY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

HCR 304: INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Date: 3/8/2016

Time: 2:00 – 4:00 PM

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## INSTRUCTIONS:

**Answer Question ONE And Any Other TWO Questions.**

1. a) Define the following concepts as used in rural development:
  - i) Rural poor. (2 marks)
  - ii) Sustainable development. (2 marks)
  - iii) Agriculture and environment. (2 marks)
  - iv) County Development Committees (CDCs). (2 marks)
  - v) Research and technology. (2 marks)
- b) Explain three obstacles to rural development efforts. (6 marks)
- c) Examine five causes of rural poverty. (10 marks)
- d) “Rural communities need empowerment, not handouts.” Explain. (4 marks)

2. “Rural communities have their own unique characteristics that are particular to the environment in which they live.” Discuss. (20 marks)
3.
  - a) Describe five challenges faced by the rural communities in their practice of rain fed agriculture. (15 marks)
  - b) Indicate five activities engaged by the rural communities that are likely cause of environmental degradation. (5 marks)
4. Citing relevant examples, discuss government’s and other stakeholders’ involvement with the local communities in effort to ensure food security. (20 marks)
5.
  - a) Discuss the activities of rural reconstruction work undertaken by the Indian Government in the 1920’s. (10 marks)
  - b) Explain the role of missionaries in rural development during the colonial period. (10 marks)