



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY
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SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURAL, ENVIRONMENT AND HEALTH SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

**THIRD YEAR SEMESTER ONE EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE IN
AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND EXTENSION AND AGRIBUSINESS
MANAGEMENT AND TRADE**

AEE 331: RURAL SOCIOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT

DATE:

TIME:

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer question one and any other two.

QUESTION ONE: COMPULSORY (30 MARKS)

- a) Briefly explain the origins of rural sociology (3 marks)
- b) Explain the meaning of the following concepts in sociology: (3 marks)
 - i) Social stratification
 - ii) Social change
 - iii) Social structure
- c) Explain four ways in which the study of rural sociology is of significance in extension service delivery (4 marks)
- d) Describe two sources of social mobility (2 marks)
- e) Describe five major institutions found in rural areas (5 marks)
- f) Describe five functions of a family (5 marks)
- g) Suggest three strategies for integrating rural areas into the global economy and promoting sustainable development (3 marks)

- h) Explain the process of socialization in rural communities (5 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss five common characteristics of human societies. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss how the emergence of the information society can contribute to agricultural development for rural communities (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Analyze five challenges faced by rural societies in maintaining their livelihoods (10 marks)
- b) Discuss five roles of cultural norms and values in shaping rural societies (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Using five examples, elaborate the relevance of the concept of resocialization to agricultural development. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss five ways through which the culture of a rural community can change over time. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss five agents of socialization (10 marks)
- b) Discuss five major causes of deviance in society (10 marks)