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FIRST YEAR, SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE IN AGRICULTURE

AGR 0121: INTRODUCTION TO RURAL /URBAN SOCIOLOGY

DATE: DECEMBER 2010

TIME: 1½ HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question *one* which is Compulsory and any other *two* questions

QUESTION ONE – (30 MARKS)

- (a) Compare and contrast the characteristics of rural and urban group of life. (5 Marks)
- (b) What do you understand by:
 - (i) Mores norms
 - (ii) Value conflict
 - (iii) Internalization.
 - (iv) Ethnocentrism
 - (v) Deviance. (5 Marks)
- (c) Explain the five (5) stages of the adoption process in adoption diffusion theory. (10 Marks)
- (d) What are the functions of education as a social institution? (4 Marks)
- (e) Describe the characteristics of the primary social group. (6 Marks)

QUESTION TWO – (15 MARKS)

- (a) Describe the characteristics of social institutions (6 Marks)
- (b) When people come together and interact they develop group structure. Explain four (4) aspects of group structures in a social system. (9 Marks)

QUESTION THREE – (15 MARKS)

- (a) Outline six function of a leader (5 Marks)
- (b) Outline five social symbols that are common and related to the agrarian communities. In each give the meaning. (10 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR - (15 MARKS)

- (a) What is social institution and what is the process of institutionalizing a social institution. (10 Marks)
- (b) Describe the characteristics of power in leadership. (5 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE – (15 MARKS)

Describe the characteristics categories of the adoption categories according to their rates of adoption. (15 Marks)