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**2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR 2<sup>ND</sup> SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS FOR DIPLOMA  
IN COMMUNITY HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENT**

**(KISUMU LEARNING CENTRE)**

**COURSE CODE: HCD 2123**

**COURSE TITLE: RURAL SOCIOLOGY**

**DATE: 17/4/2013**

**TIME: 11.00-12.30 PM**

**DURATION: 1.5 HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Answer ALL questions in section A and ANY other 2 questions in section B

**SECTION A: Answer ALL questions in this section (5 marks each)**

- a. Outline the differences between rural and urban communities as presented by Talcott Parsons.
- b. Briefly explain 5 types of community relationships in rural areas as presented by early scholars.
- c. List five features of peasant farming systems in East Africa.
- d. Briefly explain the caste system of India.
- e. Explain the concept of kinship.
- f. Identify the most important social units in rural farm areas in Kenya.

**SECTION B: Answer any TWO questions from this section (20 marks each)**

1. Trace the development of rural sociology as a distinct branch of general sociology.
2. Explain the types and sources of social stratification in rural communities.
3. Explain the nature of peasant farming and the various roles of the peasant householder.
4. Discuss the significance of ethnicity and tribalism in social interaction.