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MAIN**

COURSE CODE: AAE 3122

COURSE TITLE: SOCIOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT

EXAM VENUE: LAB 1

STREAM: (BSc. Food Security & Agribusn. Mgt.)

DATE: 15/8/14

EXAM SESSION: 9.00 – 11.00AM

TIME: 2 HOURS

Instructions:

- 1. Answer ALL questions in Section A and any other 2 questions in Section B .**
- 2. Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper.**
- 3. Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room.**

SECTION A [30 MARKS]

Answer ALL questions in this Section.

1. Sociology is becoming quite popular subject of study in the contemporary world today.
 - a) Explain the role of rural sociology in rural reformation. [5marks]
 - b) The common tendency in sociology has been to conceptualize society as a system, focusing on the bounded and integrated nature of society. Outline the basic features of a society. [5marks]
2. Family is the basic social unit in the society.
 - a) Explain the importance of this unit as an agent of socialization. [4marks]
 - b) Differentiate between the following concepts:
 - i. Ethnocentrism and culture relativism. [2marks]
 - ii. Culture specialties and culture alternatives [2marks]
 - iii. Economic development and economic growth [2marks]
3. Leadership is defined as the role and status of one or more individuals in the structure and functioning of group organizations.
 - a) Differentiate between status and role. [2marks]
 - a) A leader is not only a member of group but is the focal point of activity of his group. Explain the role of a leader in a group. [8marks]

SECTION B [40 MARKS]

Answer any TWO QUESTIONS in this Section.

4. Culture is said to include all the human phenomena in a society and is often referred as a “Sum total of behaviour traits which a person, comes to acquire through instruction and learning.”
 - a) Explain the relationship between culture and society. [4marks]
 - b) Outline the functions of culture in the Kenyan rural agricultural society. [6marks]
 - c) Highlight the distinguishing features of culture. [10marks]
5. Briefly discuss the following concepts in the context of societal development:
 - a) Rural Unemployment. [5marks]
 - b) Agricultural societies. [5marks]
 - c) Vicious cycle of poverty [5marks]
 - d) Counter culture [5marks]

6. It is often recognized that agriculture is the backbone of Kenyan economy and as such is an important contributor in the economic development.
- a) Discuss the role of agricultural sector in the Kenyan economic development. [7marks]
 - b) Explain some of the obstacles to economic and agricultural development in Kenya today. [8marks]
 - c) Outline the importance of educational institution in rural development. [5marks]