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Course Title: Introduction to Rural Life

Course Code: AEM 311

Credit Unit: 2 Units

Total Score: 70 Marks

Time Allowed: 2 Hrs

INSTRUCTION: Answer 3 Questions Only

QUESTION ONE

1 (a) Discuss the following conditions as it relates to rural areas of Nigeria? (9 marks)

- i Poor Communication Facilities (3 marks)
- ii Minimal Capital Investment (3 marks)
- iii Settlement of Temporary Abode (3 marks)

1 (b) In two (2) ways, Distinguish between the following sources of business capital: (9 marks)

- i Individual savings and cooperative/group savings (5 marks)
- ii NGOs and Government support (4 marks)

1(c) Poverty, according to World Bank (1996), can be classified into four categories. Briefly explain these categories. (6 marks)

QUESTION TWO

a) What are beliefs and list 4 mystical powers that are believed in among rural inhabitants. (5 marks)

b) Give 4 examples each of the following infrastructure in rural areas. (6 marks)

- i Social Infrastructure (2 mark)
- ii Physical Infrastructure (2 mark)
- iii Institutional Infrastructure (2 mark)

c). What four (4) reasons can you present to justify the establishment of social groups or associations? (6 marks)

d) Define the steps involved in lumbering activities. (6 marks)

QUESTION THREE

3(a). Give 4 reasons why the study of rural life should be encouraged by policy makers in the country (6 marks)

3 (b). In 2 different ways, distinguish between the following settlements in Nigeria.

- i Large farming village and medium urban town (4 marks)
- ii Medium Size Farming Village and large urban centre (4 marks)

3 (c). Highlight how the following media can be utilized as information channel in reaching inhabitants of rural or urban areas with agricultural information

- i Individuals/Relations (3 mark)
- ii Radio/Television (3 mark)

3 (d). Explain the concept of '**personification of nature**'. (3 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

4. (a) (i) List five (5) factors that affect the quality of living in an environment. (5 marks)

(ii) Discuss any four (4) of the above-mentioned factors (6 marks)

4 (b) Explain the following attributes as factors whose presence help to identify a place as an urban area in Nigeria. (8 marks)

- i Presence of Banks and other Financial Institutions (2 marks)
- ii Presence of the Police and Fire Services (2 marks)
- iii Entertainment and Recreational Facilities (2 marks)
- iv Health Care Facilities (2 marks)

4 (c) Enumerate four (4) government programmes targeted at poverty reduction in the country. (4 marks)