



# NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA

Cadastral Zone, off Nnamdi Azikiwe Express road, Jabi Abuja

**FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES (FSS)**

**DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES**

**2023\_2 EXAMINATIONS**

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**Course Code:** DES 309

**Course Title:** Theories of Social Development.

**Credit Unit:** 3 CU

**Time Allowed:** 2 ½ Hours (Two hours & Thirty minutes).

**Instruction:** Answer 4 questions only. Question No. 1 is **compulsory**.

1. a) Explain the meaning of the concept, rural development and outline its peculiar challenges.  
b) Write short but very clear note on the following:
  - a) Gender ceiling in work environments
  - b) Gender gap
  - c) Gender equity
  - d) Male preference in education
  - e) Objectification of women in the Society. (25marks)
2. Successive governments in Nigeria have made different interesting development policies with some directed at social protection and improving the wellbeing of the people. Outline and discuss some of these policies and their failures. (15marks)
3. Scholars have suggested different types of policies based on the nature of problems they are created for. With this understanding list and discuss four (4) types of policies you know. (15marks)
4. i) Identify and explain four factors of social development ii) Discuss the role of three specific drivers or agents of social development in Nigeria. (15marks)
5. Show a clear understanding of the impact of social development on public health and climate change.(15marks)
6. What is a social policy? Discuss the processes a policy must follow to have an improved outcome. (15marks)

***Good luck to you!***