



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2019/2020 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND TRADE

FOURTH YEAR SPECIAL/ SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND EXTENSION

ASC205/AEE331: RURAL SOCIOLOGY

DATE: 21/01/2021

TIME: 2.00-4.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer *ALL* questions from Section A and any other *TWO* from Section B:

SECTION A: COMPULSORY: (30 MARKS)

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain the term Rural Sociology (2 Marks)
- b) Explain what sociologist C. Wright Mills meant by the term 'sociological imagination' (5 marks).
- c) Explain how Robert Chambers (1983) describes the 'deprivation trap' (5 marks).
- d) Describe TWO youth employment policies that have been implemented by the Kenya government in the past (6 Marks)
- e) Explain four characteristics of peasants (4 marks).
- f) Describe the following types of societies:
 - i. Nomadic Society (4 Marks)
 - ii. Sedentary Society (4 Marks)

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS (40 MARKS)

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Describe TWO difference between closed society and open society (4 Marks)
- b) Describe the three types of rural communities based on economic base and rate of growth (6 Marks)
- c) Discuss five drivers of rural transformation in Kenya (10 marks).

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Describe FIVE ways in which good governance is important in managing a nation's affair (5 marks)
- b) Explain FIVE areas of successful participation where people can hold a local government responsible for its actions (5 marks)
- c) Describe FIVE important leadership characteristics of an effective community leader (10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the significance of rural sociology study (5 marks)
- b) Discuss five characteristics of rural society (5 marks)
- c) Discuss the major determinants of rural-urban migration (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss two factors driving economic integration between different regions (5 marks)
- b) Explain five areas of the scope of the study of rural sociology (5 marks)
- c) Discuss five challenges facing Kenya in attempts to achieve sustainable rural development (10 marks).