



# **MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY**

**University Examinations for 2019/2020 Academic Year**

**SCHOOL OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**

**SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR**

**BACHELOR OF ARTS**

**ASC 205: RURAL SOCIOLOGY**

**DATE: 23/11/2020**

**TIME: 2.00-4.00 PM**

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**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer QUESTION ONE and any other TWO QUESTIONS**

## **QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)**

- a) Define 'rural sociology' according to Smith. (2 marks)
- b) Explain the scope of rural sociology. (6 marks)
- c) Define the following terms: (6 marks)
  - i. Poverty line
  - ii. Relative poverty
  - iii. Mass poverty
- d) Outline four causes of Rural-Urban migration. (4 marks)
- e) Compare rural and urban labour. (12 marks)

## **QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

- a) Explain the different stages of development with regard to the techniques of production. (6 marks)
- b) Explain four categories of land tenure. (8 marks)
- c) Outline six implications of conditions of rural labour. (6 marks)

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Define community-based organization and explain three types of community-based organizations. (8 marks)
- b) Outline challenges faced by community organizations in Kenyan rural development set up. (4 marks)
- c) Explain four factors of social change. (8 marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- a) To what extent has Constituency Development Fund contributed to rural development in Kenya? (10 marks)
- b) Compare two types of social solidarity according to Ferdinand Tonnies (1855-1936). (10 marks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- a) Explain the concept of rural poverty according to the following scholars: (10 marks)
  - i. Robert Chambers
  - ii. Oscar Lewis
- b) Discuss the history of rural sociology in United States of America. (10 marks)