



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY

University Examinations for 2019/2020 Academic Year

SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND EXTENSION

THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND EXTENSION

AEE 331-RURAL SOCIOLOGY

DATE: 5/12/2019

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 any 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) Discuss FIVE practical strategies that the Kenya government can adopt in order to alleviate rural poverty (10 marks)
- b) 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 major determinants of rural-urban migration (10 marks)
- b) Discuss the challenges facing Kenya in attempts to achieve sustainable rural development (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- a) Describe FIVE areas of study where rural sociology can be applied to study rural social organizations processes (10 marks)
- b) Discuss how rural sociology as a discipline of study originated and evolved in the 19th and 20th Centuries (10 marks)