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INTRODUCTION TO AGRICULTURAL SOCIOLOGY

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SESSIONAL EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 3 HOURS

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## **INSTRUCTIONS**

1. *Answer ANY Four (4) questions*
  2. *Be concise and clear*
  3. *Start a new question on a fresh page*
  4. *Total marks 100*
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### QUESTION 1

- a) Define rural sociology [3]
- b) Briefly explain how the discipline of rural sociology emerged. [7]
- c) Discuss the role of the following institutions in shaping the rural communities in Zimbabwe:
  - i. Family institution [5]
  - ii. Education institution [5]
  - iii. Government institution. [5]

### QUESTION 2

- a) Define social stratification [2]
- b) Differentiate between caste and class, giving relevant examples. [4]
- c) Write short notes on the following:
  - i. Upper class [3]
  - ii. Middle class [3]
  - iii. Lower class [3]
- d) Explain why it is crucial for an extension agent to identify the characteristics of a local stratification system when engaging the farming community. [10]

### QUESTION 3

- a) Define the following terms:
  - i. Social group [2]
  - ii. Social mobility [3]
- b) Discuss any five (5) social and cultural factors that can present barriers to agricultural change. [20]

### QUESTION 4

- a) Briefly explain August Comte's theory of positivism. [5]
- b) Distinguish between rural societies and urban societies in Zimbabwe. [12]
- c) Differentiate the following categories of social groups.
  - i. Primary and secondary groups
  - ii. Formal and informal groups
  - iii. Voluntary and involuntary groups
  - iv. Temporary and permanent groups [8]

### QUESTION 5

- a) Explain the interrelationship between rural sociology and agricultural extension. [5]
- b) Rural sociology can be classified as a science. Discuss. [20]

**END OF EXAMINATION**