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INTRODUCTION TO AGRICULTURAL SOCIOLOGY

CODE: AEDT 103

SEASONAL EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 3 HOURS

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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Answer any **four** (4) questions
2. Each question carries 25 marks
3. Total marks 100

QUESTION 1

- a) Define Rural Sociology. [5]
- b) Discuss the components of a science possessed by rural sociology. [10]
- c) Discuss the arguments against which some sociologists object rural sociology as a science. [10]

QUESTION 2

- a) Briefly explain the following concepts, in sociology:
 - i. August Comte's theory of Positivism [4]
 - ii. Wright Mills' theory of Social Imagination [3]
- b) Discuss the **three** (3) major theoretical paradigms or perspectives in sociology. [18]

QUESTION 3

- a) Define the following concepts.
 - i. Culture [3]
 - ii. Cultural lag [3]
- b) Distinguish between material culture and non-material culture [4]
- c) Discuss the role of the following institutions in shaping the rural communities in Zimbabwe
 - i. Family institution [5]
 - ii. Political institution [5]
 - iii. Religious institution [5]

QUESTION 4

- a) Discuss the differences between the rural societies and urban societies in Zimbabwe. [10]
- b) Explain the important roles of the following concepts to agricultural extension workers when bringing their extension services to the rural societies.
- i. Social organizations [5]
 - ii. Social Values and Attitudes [5]
 - iii. Culture [5]

QUESTION 5

- a) Define a social group [1]
- b) Outline any **six** (6) characteristics of social groups. [6]
- c) Sociologist Charles Horton Cooley suggested that groups can broadly be divided into two categories which are primary groups and secondary groups. Differentiate these two classes of groups. [10]
- d) Explain the role of social groups when bringing agricultural extension services to rural communities in Zimbabwe. [8]

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