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SESSIONAL EXAMINATIONS

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## *INSTRUCTIONS*

1. Answer any **Four** questions
  2. Be concise and clear
  3. Total marks 100
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### QUESTION 1

- a) Define Rural Sociology. [4]
- b) Briefly explain how the discipline of rural sociology emerged. [6]
- c) Outline any **five** (5) reasons why we study rural sociology in the colleges of agriculture. [5]
- d) Briefly discuss the following concepts, in sociology:
  - i. August Comte's theory of Positivism [5]
  - ii. Wright Mills' theory of Social Imagination [5]

### QUESTION 2

- a) Robert Merton, in his theory, pointed out that the social process can be classified into two types of functions namely manifest function and latent function. Distinguish these two types of functions, giving relevant examples to aid your answer. [5]
- b) Outline any **five** (5) roles of sociological theories. [5]
- c) Discuss the **three** (3) major theoretical paradigms or perspectives in sociology. [15]

### QUESTION 3

- a) Discuss what makes rural sociology a science. [10]
- b) Discuss the arguments against which some sociologists object rural sociology as a science. [10]
- c) Explain the interrelationships between rural sociology and agricultural extension, clearly indicating how rural sociology is important in agricultural extension. [5]

### QUESTION 4

- a) Define the concept of culture. [3]
- b) Outline ant **five** (5) features or characteristics of culture in Zimbabwe [5]
- c) Explain the following concepts in culture
  - i. Material culture [2]
  - ii. Non-material culture. [2]
  - iii. Cultural lag [4]

**d)** Discuss the following types of non-material culture:

- i.** Customs [3]
- ii.** Folkways [3]
- iii.** Mores [3]

**QUESTION 5**

**a)** Identify any **six (6)** characteristics of rural societies in Zimbabwe [6]

**b)** Explain the concept of Social Stratification in sociology. [4]

**c)** Agricultural extension plays a crucial role in boosting agricultural productivity, increasing food security and improving rural livelihoods. Discuss the important roles of the following concepts to agricultural extension workers when bringing their services to the rural societies.

- i.** Social Groups [5]
- ii.** Social Values and Attitudes [5]
- iii.** Culture [5]

**END OF EXAMINATION**