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SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR
OF SCIENCE (AGRIBUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND TRADE) AND
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (AGRICULTURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT)

KBT 204: RURAL SOCIOLOGY

DATE: Monday, 26th March, 2012

TIME: 11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions.

QUESTION ONE

- i) Describe **two** major characteristics that distinguish rural from urban areas (4 marks)
- ii) Outline **three** prerequisites of efficient social institutions (6 marks)
- iii) Critically discuss **three** key areas that could be considered towards modernization of agriculture in the rural areas. (6 marks)
- iv) Mention the main causes of social stratification in Kenya (6 marks)
- v) Describe how rural-urban migration could be arrested (5 marks)
- vi) Explain how the ruling class manage to be in power (4 marks)
- vii) “Small holder farmers are poor but efficient” (Schultz, 1995). Elaborate. (5 marks)
- viii) Explain how human relationship influence agricultural production in the rural areas (4 marks)

QUESTION TWO

- i) Discuss **three** social factors that influence agriculture in the rural areas (5 marks)
- ii) Outline the major components of rural wellbeing (5 marks)
- iii) Explain the importance of sectoral linkage in rural agriculture (5 marks)

QUESTION THREE

- i) Outline the importance of social norms in the society (4 marks)
- ii) Name **two** kinds of social systems and explain their importance in food production among the rural population (6 marks)
- iii) Describe **two** strategies that a change agent could use to help farmers (5 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- i) Outline **three** major building blocks of a social system (6 marks)
- ii) By giving examples, differentiate the main factors driving rural-urban migration (4 marks)
- iii) What is a social action? Differentiating condition and people-premise of social change (5 marks)