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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

CDEV 304: SOCIOLOGY OF RURAL SOCIETIES

STREAMS: BSC CDEV Y3S1

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: MONDAY 29/03/2021

2.30 P.M. – 4.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Question 1 is compulsory.**
- **Select any two from section B.**

SECTION A

QUESTION ONE

- (a) Using suitable examples, discuss five major concerns of rural sociology. (15 marks)
- (b) There are many socio-economic projects implemented by NGOs, governments and other funders in most parts of rural Kenya. However, poverty index in these places especially the arid and semi-arid remain high. Discuss. (15 marks)

SECTION B

QUESTION TWO

- (a) Individualization of land tenure has been occurring over the years in rural parts of Kenya. Discuss key factors that might be contributing to such a shift. (10 marks)
- (b) Rural development tourism has been discussed by Robert Chambers (1983) in his book “Rural development: putting the last first.” Explain this phenomenon and propose how it can be dealt with. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE

- (a) Explain key characteristics that distinguish rural from urban communities.(10 marks)
- (b) Rural people should own their projects through community participation. Explain ways in which rural sociologists and other change agents can encourage them to participate.
(10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- (a) Discuss the concept of rural university as explain by Ravi J. Matthai. (10 marks)
- (b) Expound on the problems facing rural development in Kenya today and provide interventions of each. (10 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

Diversification of livelihoods is common in rural areas today. Discuss. (20 marks)
