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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 (ODEL)

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: FRIDAY 06/12/2019

11.30 A.M. – 1.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer question one and any other two questions.
- Do not write on the question paper.

QUESTION ONE

- (i) Define the following terms as used in sociology of rural communities
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| (a) Rural Sociology | (2 marks) |
| (b) Rural Development | (2 marks) |
| (c) Social Stratification | (2 marks) |
| (d) Social Cohension | (2 marks) |
| (e) Community | (2 marks) |
- (ii) Discuss the functions of social institutions in Kenya. (5 marks)
- (iii) Examine the characteristics of social stratification in Kenya. (5 marks)
- (iv) Demonstrate the importance of participation by rural people in their own development. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO

- (i) With specific examples, discuss the importance of studying the sociology of rural communities. (10 marks)

- (ii) Demonstrate the major concerns of rural sociology with specific examples from Africa. (10 marks)

QUESTION THREE

- (i) Define the term status as used in sociology of rural communities. (3 marks)
- (ii) Discuss the different types of status in rural communities giving examples of each in the Kenyan context. (3 marks)
- (iii) Evaluate the characteristics of status with examples from Kenya. (14 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- (i) Discuss Ferdinand Tonnies theory surrounding rural societies. (5 marks)
- (ii) Evaluate Emile Durkeheim distinction between mechanical and organic solidarity. (15 marks)

QUESTION FIVE

- (i) Define the term extension education as used in sociology of rural communities. (5 marks)
- (ii) Discuss the functions of extension education with examples from Kenya. (15 marks)
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