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FINAL EXAMINATION PAPER: DECEMBER, 2018

TITLE OF PAPER: RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA

COURSE CODE: PA 305

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. ANSWER FOUR (4) QUESTIONS. TWO QUESTIONS FROM SECTION 1 AND TWO FROM SECTION 2**
- 2. ALL QUESTIONS CARRY EQUAL MARKS OF TWENTY FIVE (25) MARKS EACH**

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SECTION 1:

1. Give some of the definitions of rural development and give examples of theoretical conceptions behind each of these definitions. Explain how rural development is seen as different from agricultural development. (25 Marks)

2. The causes of poverty are multi-dimensional. Discuss this and give an account on how poverty develops, what accounts for its persistence and what specific measures can be taken to eliminate or reduce it. (25 Marks)

3. Discuss some of the critical elements recognised by the developing countries as important requirements for sustained economic growth and reduced poverty.

(25 Marks)

4. Dependency Theorists have made assertions that poverty is not natural but it is "an engineered position" as a result of a protracted capitalistic dominance by the metropolis. Similarly, the poverty and underdevelopment in most rural areas in Africa is a result of the inhibiting relationship between them and the urban areas." Discuss.

(25 Marks)

SECTION 2:

5. In the last decades, there has been drastic changes in world agriculture. What are the reasons for these changes? Discuss the most common agrarian reform and rural development strategies that were effected by developing countries in response to these changes and challenges. (25 Marks)

6. Make a comparative analysis of agrarian reform strategies undertaken by two countries of your choice in the Southern Africa region. (25 Marks)

7. Discuss the African Experience of the role played by women in rural development in general. Using Swaziland as an example, give examples of the strategies used to empower women to participate more effectively in rural development.

(25 Marks)

8. African countries have engaged in a number of strategies and interventions to promote rural development. Discuss the how the following strategic interventions were used to promote rural development:

- Agricultural cooperatives
- Rural Finance Institutions and markets
- agricultural extension

(25 Marks)