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EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DIPLOMA IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

CDEV 0270: RURAL ECONOMICS AND AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION

STREAMS:

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: MONDAY 27/09/2021

8.30 A.M. – 10.30 A.M.

SECTION A

Question one

- a) Briefly explain the meaning of agricultural value chains. (5 marks)
- b) State and explain five importance of extension services for rural development. (10 marks)
- c) Today, rural people are advised to diversify their livelihoods especially the pastoralist communities. Discuss five activities that they have engaged in today other than keeping livestock. (10 marks)
- d) Briefly explain the roles of an extension agent. (5 marks)

SECTION B

Question two

- a) Rural agriculture has the potential to transform rural areas into high income generating zones despite the numerous challenges existing. Analyze with examples the unique features that identify the rural economy. (10 marks)
- b) Rural development tourism has been discussed by Robert Chamber (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) Clearly examine the different types of markets that exist for farmers to sell their products in Kenya. (10 marks)
- b) Discuss five challenges faced by rural small-scale farmers in Kenya. (10 marks)

Question five

- a) Using suitable examples, explain five common methods of extension used by ministry of agriculture. (10 marks)
 - b) Identify core value chain actors and highlight their roles in ensuring successful movement of agricultural products from origination to utilization. (10 marks)
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