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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: THURSDAY 13/04/2023

8.30 A.M. –10.30 A.M.

INSTRUCTIONS

Question one is mandatory the selects two more questions

Question one (30 marks)

- a) Explain the meaning of the following terms as used in rural economics and agricultural extension
- i. Rural (2 marks)
 - ii. Urbanization (2 marks)
 - iii. Rural economics (2 marks)
 - iv. Extension Agent (2 marks)
 - v. Peasant farmer (2 marks)
- b) Discuss **five** key challenges small scale farmers face in developing countries (10 marks)
- c) As a community development officer working with County government of Embu discuss **five** importance of land tenure in rural life (10 marks)

Question Two (20 marks)

- a) Discuss **five** forces that pushes people out of pastoralist and pastoral areas (10 marks)
- b) Discuss five ways in which small, medium and micro enterprises (SMEs) is a key aspect of rural economy (10 marks)

Question Three (20 marks)

- a) As an expert working with the Ministry of Agriculture discuss **five** consequences of rural urban migration (10 marks)
- b) Extension is a worldwide activity which is supported by government and non-governmental organizations through budgets, office spaces, personal and other resources. List and explain five principles which guide extension (10 marks)

Question Four (20 marks)

- a) Agriculture is the main economic activity in Kenya. Discuss giving examples **five** distinguishing things of a peasant farmer (10 marks)
- b) Extension agent should be aware of social and cultural barriers when dealing with farmers. List and discuss five barriers to agricultural change (10 marks)

Question Five (20 marks)

- a) Discuss five major reasons for studying rural areas (10 marks)
 - b) Discuss the concept of livelihoods diversification in rural areas (10 marks)
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