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2025_2 EXAMINATIONS

Course Title: DIFFUSION AND ADOPTION OF INNOVATIONS

Course Code: AEM 503

Credit Unit: 3

Total Score: 70 Marks

Time Allowed: 3 Hours

INSTRUCTION: Question 1 is compulsory (25 marks) and any other 3 questions (15 marks each).

Question 1:

- i. Outline any 3 functions of the change agent's to his clients (farmers) *(3 marks)*
- ii. Explain the meaning of "rate of adoption" *(4 ½ marks)*
- iii. Discuss your understanding of "speed of adoption" as far as this course is concerned *(4 marks)*
- iv. Expatriate on 4 major elements involved in the diffusion process *(6 marks)*
- v. Discuss five (5) stages of the innovation-decision process *(7 ½ marks)*

Question 2:

- i. What is Distance Learning *(3 marks)*
- ii. Outline 2 main objectives of operating Distance Learning *(3 marks)*
- iii. Identify 4 distinct approaches of identifying opinion leaders in our social system *(4 marks)*
- iv. A good opinion leader is identified by some characteristics. Mention 5 of them *(5 marks)*

Question 3:

- i. Explain what is stages of Adoption of an Innovation *(2 ½ marks)*
- ii. Explain the stages of adoption of an Innovation *(5 marks)*
- iii. Advance 3 ways/methods a technology/innovation can be communicated to a farmer *(6 marks)*

Question 4:

Describe who the following categories of Adopters and ensure you state the percentage they constitute in each of the categories:

- i. The Innovators *(4 marks)*
- ii. The Early Adopters *(3 ½ marks)*
- iii. The Late Adopters *(3 ½ marks)*
- iv. The Laggards *(4 marks)*

Question 5:

- i. Carefully analyze the "self-designating" method of acquiring the status of Opinion Leadership in a given society *(5 marks)*
- ii. What is implied by the saying "Rate of adoption is a relative concept"? *(4 marks)*
- iii. The rate at which innovation is adopted is influenced or characterized by several actors. List and discuss 4 of the influencing factors *(6 marks)*