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2025_2 EXAMINATIONS

COURSE TITLE: RURAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

COURSE CODE: ESM 308

CREDIT UNIT: 2 UNIT

TIME: 2:30MINS

INSTRUCTION: Answer question one (1) & attempt any other two (2) questions. Question one (1) is compulsory and carries 30 marks. While any other two (2) answers attract 20 marks each. With total of 70 marks

- 1a.** “To develop the rural area, one needs to develop the agricultural sector, but rural development is wider than mere agricultural development”. Elucidate this statement. **(10 marks)**
- 1b.** Explain why the engagement of citizens in policy making is important **(10 marks)**
- 1c.** Explain the relationship between policy and programmes **(10 marks)**
- 2a.** NGOs play a great role globally in impacting the lives of people in several ways. What are the potentials of NGOs in community development? **(10 marks)**
- 2b.** What are the benefits of the Community-Based Organisations to Local communities (10 Marks)
- 3a.** Identify various stakeholders that are involved in community development and their roles in enhancing the potentials of NGOs **(10 marks)**
- 3b.** Discuss the consequences of neglecting the development of rural communities. **(10 marks)**
- 4a.** Differentiate between an NPO, NGO and CBO. **(10 marks)**
- 4b.** Identify the sources of NGOs’ funding in Nigeria. **(10 marks)**
- 5a.** Define the following terms:
- i. Need **(5 marks)**
 - ii. Infrastructure **(5 marks)**
- 5b.** List ten information needs of Nigerian rural communities. **(10 marks)**