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## University Examinations 2024/2025

FIRST YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DIPLOMA IN ANIMAL  
HEALTH AND PRODUCTION

### AAE 2300: RURAL SOCIOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT

DATE: JANUARY 2025

TIME: 1½ HOURS

#### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Answer Question **ONE**, and any other **TWO**

#### QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Explain the following terms as used in sociology:
  - i. Rural sociology. (2 Marks)
  - ii. Society. (2 Marks)
  - iii. Social mobility. (2 Marks)
  - iv. Social control. (2 Marks)
  - v. Social stratification. (2 Marks)
- b) Briefly discuss six characteristics of a society. (6 Marks)
- c) Explain the various types of values. (6 Marks)
- d) Explain four types of social mobility. (8 Marks)

#### QUESTION TWO (15 MARKS)

- a) Explain the role of social control in a society. (5 Marks)
- b) Discuss the main sources of power. (5 Marks)
- c) Describe the causes of culture change in a societal setting. (5 Marks)



### **QUESTION THREE (15 MARKS)**

- a) Outline the five characteristics of innovation that help to explain the adoption theory. (5 Marks)
- b) Adopters are classified according to their time of adoption in any given innovation. With an illustration, describe the five main categories of adopters. (10 Marks)

### **QUESTION FOUR (15 MARKS)**

- a) Describe the three types of education. (6 Marks)
- b) Discuss the importance of education to farming. (4 Marks)
- c) Outline five characteristics of power. (5 Marks)

