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MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER

PROGRAMME: B.SC. IN AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION

COURSE CODE: AEE311

TITLE OF PAPER: INTRODUCTION RURAL SOCIOLOGY

TIME ALLOWED: THREE (3) HOURS

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

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**QUESTION 1**

- a) Define the following sociological terms
- i) Culture
  - ii) Social Stratification
  - iii) Ethnocentrism
  - iv) Gender gap
  - v) Norms
  - vi) Social cohesion
  - vii) Rural sociology
  - viii) Community
  - ix) Field theory in group dynamics
  - x) Attitudes
- b) Karl Max and Max Webber defined the class systems. Compare and contrast their arguments about the class systems. (20)
- (5)

**QUESTION 2**

A society has a defined social structure.

- a) Name and define four (4) components of a social structure in a society. (8)
- b) With an aid of a diagram illustrate the political structure of a rural community (community level) in Eswatini. (10)
- c) Explain how the household structure affects participation and the benefits for women in agricultural (crop production) projects. (4)
- d) Name three drivers of gender gap. (3)

**QUESTION 3**

Groups are an integral landscape of communities or societies.

- a) Define a group. (2)
- b) Give three reasons why peoples form groups in rural communities. (3)
- c) State the distinctive characteristics of these types of groups and two examples for each type.

Type of groups	Key Characteristics	Example
Social groups		
Primary groups		

(8)

d) Illustrate (use a diagram) the stages of group development (Tuckman's theory)

(12)

**QUESTION 4**

- a) Give five ways by which rural sociology relates to agricultural extension (5)
- b) State five challenges young people face when migrating to urban areas to look for jobs. (5)
- c) Define institutions. (1)
- d) Give four uses of institutions in a society. (4)
- e) Using a sketch of a **problem tree**, illustrate poverty (five causes and five effects) in your community. (10)