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**COLLEGE OF HEALTH AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL
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COURSE CODE: AGM1203 RURAL DEVELOPMENT

END OF SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION

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INSTRUCTIONS

Answer all questions in Section A and any **three** from Section B

Section A carries **40 marks** and each question in section B carries **20 marks**.

SECTION A: Answer **all** questions from this section.

Question 1

- a) Define *rural development* and explain its key principles in the context of sustainable development. [8]
 - b) Differentiate between *rural development* and *urban development* with reference to livelihoods and service provision. [4]
 - c) Identify and briefly explain the main causes of rural poverty. [4]
 - d) Outline the role of land use planning and management in promoting sustainable rural development. [6]
 - e) Giving examples, discuss the importance of agriculture and natural resource management in rural development. [6]
 - f) Explore the contribution of rural finance and tourism to economic development in rural areas. [6]
 - g) Describe how GIS, GPS, UAVs and remote sensing can be used in monitoring and managing rural development activities. [6]
- [40]**

SECTION B: Answer any **three** (3) questions from this section.

Question 2

Evaluate the impact of rural–urban migration on rural livelihoods and development. [20]

Question 3

Explore the relationship between agriculture, food security, and sustainable rural development. [20]

Question 4

- a) Using examples, discuss the role of community-based natural resource management in rural development. [12]
- b) Suggest measures that can be used to strengthen community participation in rural development projects. [8]

Question 5

a)

i) Define rural poverty and food insecurity. [4]

ii) Determine the main factors contributing to poverty traps in rural communities. [6]

b) Explain the role of savings and credit institutions in rural development. [6]

c) Outline the importance of land use planning in promoting sustainable rural development. [4]

Question 6

Discuss the significance of rural finance, markets, and infrastructure in transforming rural economies. [20]

END OF QUESTION PAPER!!!