



“Investing in Africa’s future”

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NANE 218: RURAL DEVELOPMENT

END OF FIRST SEMESTER FINAL EXAMINATIONS

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DURATION: 5 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Answer ANY ONE OF THE THREE questions
- 2) ALL questions carry 100 marks
- 3) Do not repeat the questions

Question 1

a) With reference to the rural area that you visited as shown in Figure 1 below, answer the following questions.

- i) Name the area shown in Figure 1. [1]
- ii) Explain how the natural resource shown in this image can be harnessed for purposes of rural development. [24]



Figure 1. Image taken during a field trip in Nyanga.

- b) Explain the importance of local leaders (chiefs, headmen etc.) in the implementation of rural development projects in African countries. [15]
- c) The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations are meant to uplift humanity out of poverty. Discuss the main constraints in rural areas of Africa that will make it difficult to achieve the SDGs by the year 2030. [30]
- d) Explain with the use of relevant examples, how agricultural research at the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research Centers (CGIARs) has contributed towards rural development in Africa. [30]

Question 2

- a) With reference to the rural area that you visited as shown in Figure 2 below answer the following questions.
- i) Name the type of industry shown in figure 2. [1]
- ii) Explain how this industry contributes to rural development and the national economies as a whole. [24]



Figure 2. Image taken during a field trip in Nyanga.

- b) Outline the major constraints to rural industrialization in Africa. [25]
- c) With the use of relevant examples, explain how the United Nations, through its agencies and programs has worked to improve rural livelihoods with particular emphasis on Sub-Saharan Africa. [25]
- d) Describe how you would conduct a Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) task to assess the level of development that has taken place in a rural area. [15]
- e) Discuss the importance of decentralized planning or devolution in rural development. [10]

Question 3

- a) With reference to the rural area that you visited as shown in Figure 3 below answer the following questions.
- i) Name the area shown in the image. [1]
 - ii) Explain how this area is a major tourist attraction and elaborate on the economic benefits that tourism has brought to the area. [24]



Figure 3. Nyanga National Park and Mt Nyangani in the background.

- b) Discuss the role that agricultural development has contributed towards improving the quality of life in rural areas in general. [25]
- c) Give evidence to support the assertion that rural development in Zimbabwe is closely linked to rural resettlement. [25]

- d) Outline the contributions of the United Nations through its agencies and programs towards rural development in Sub-Saharan Africa. [25]

End of Examination Paper