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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**CDEV 304: SOCIOLOGY OF RURAL SOCIETIES**

**STREAMS: Y3S1 ODEL**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 12/04/2023**

**2.30 P.M – 4.30 P.M**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

**Answer question one and any other two questions**

**QUESTION ONE**

- (a) Using suitable examples, discuss five major concerns of rural sociology. [10 marks]
- (b) Explain five things members of rural University learn as pointed out by Prof Ravi Matthai. [10 marks]
- (c) Expound on five characteristics of rural societies as enumerated by Hewes (1971). [10 marks]

**QUESTION TWO**

- (a) Explain six ways that show the relationship between community development and rural sociology. [12 marks]
- (b) Briefly review the history of rural sociology and indicate how its tenets have contributed to the growth of rural societies. [8 marks]

**QUESTION THREE**

- (a) Pastoralist communities are being advised to have alternatives sources of livelihoods.  
Discuss six activities they are doing today other than keeping livestock. [12 marks]
- (b) Explain four characteristics of peasants in Kenya. [8 marks]

**QUESTION FOUR**

Indigenous people are mostly found in rural areas and usually have unique cultures. Using a community in Kenya as an example, explain four ways such cultural identities can be used as sources of livelihoods. [20 marks]

**QUESTION FIVE**

- (a) Discuss five obstacles to rural participation and how to overcome such obstacles. [10 marks]
- (b) Explain three achievements and two failures of Harambee approach to rural development. [10 marks]
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