



GRETSA UNIVERSITY - THIKA

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
MAY - AUGUST 2018 SEMESTER**

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

COURSE CODE: COMD 204

COURSE TITLE: RURAL SOCIOLOGY

DATE: 7 AUGUST 2018

TIME: 8.00 AM – 11.00 AM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. SECTION A IS **COMPULSORY**.
2. SECTION B: ANSWER ANY OTHER **THREE** QUESTIONS.
3. **DO NOT** WRITE ANYTHING ON THIS QUESTION PAPER AS IT WILL BE AN EXAM IRREGULARITY.
4. ALL ROUGH WORK SHOULD BE AT THE BACK OF YOUR ANSWER BOOKLET AND CROSSED OUT.

CAUTION: All exam rooms are under CCTV surveillance during the examination period.

SECTION A: COMPULSORY

Question One

a) Despite technological advances in agriculture, rural farming in Africa has relatively remained subsistence with low output'. Discuss this statement leveraging on factors affecting rural agriculture in Kenya. **[12**

marks]

b) Differentiate shifting agriculture and nomadic agriculture. Use examples.

[8 marks]

c) How is Rural Sociology linked to development in communities?

[16 marks]

d) Describe features that clearly define rural communities.

[4 marks]

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS

Question Two

Briefly explain the following as used in Rural Sociology:

[20 marks]

- i) Gemeinschaft versus Gesellschaft
- ii) Rural social control
- iii) Cultural dissemination
- iv) Sub-urbanization.

Question Three

a) Highlight the role Kinship system plays in the survival of rural societies.

[8 marks]

b) Describe how the lifestyle of rural people impact on their development

[12 marks]

Question Four

a) Explain at least **four** importance of social survey in sociology.

[8

marks]

b) State and explain types of marriages allowed by the government of Kenya. [4 marks]

c) Define animism and describe the different beliefs connected to it. 8 marks]

Question Five

a) Differentiate ethnicity and tribalism. Use examples. [6 marks]

b) Focusing on population explosion, describe how overpopulation and population density impacts on community development. [14 marks]

Question Six

a) In reference to homogeneity, outline ways in which homogenous society's influences development in communities [10 marks]

b) Discuss how counter-urbanization impacts on community development. [10 marks]