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DIPLOMA IN AGRICULTURAL AND APPLIED ECONOMICS
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AGEC 0260: RURAL DEVELOPMENT

STREAM: Y2 S1

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY: FRIDAY, 12:00 P.M – 2:00 P.M

DATE: 09/12/2022

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. Do not write anything on this question paper.***
- 2. Answer Question ONE (Compulsory) and any other TWO Questions.***

QUESTION ONE

- a. Discuss how poverty and inequality in income distribution can be tackled in Kenya in order to benefit the poor. (10 marks)
- b. (i) Describe the core values of development (5 marks)
(ii) Highlight the rationale of rural development (5 marks)
- c. “livelihoods are not only about incomes”. What are the gendered implications of this understanding for rural development? (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO

- a. Discuss five risks to food security in Kenya (10 marks)
- (i) What is the relationship between agriculture and rural development? (2 marks)
- (ii) Discuss the mechanisms that agriculture industry has put in place to ensure rural development in the economy has been improved. (8 marks)

QUESTION THREE

Using relevant examples, discuss the fact that rural development in Kenya has been marred by numerous discrepancies in implementation of projects.

(10 marks)

Devolution in Kenya ideally is a rural development strategy. Explain.

(10 marks)

QUESTION FOUR

- a. Outline social behaviors that cause adverse development implications in rural areas in Kenya. (10 marks)
- b. Discuss the main causes of rural poverty in Kenya. (5marks)
- c. Discuss ways of improving food insecurity in rural areas (5 marks)