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COURSE CODE:

AEE 204

TITLE OF PAPER:

FUNDAMENTALS OF RURAL SOCIOLOGY AND

EXTENSION

TIME ALLOWED:

TWO (2) HOURS

INSTRUCTION:

ANSWER ALL (4) QUESTIONS

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QUESTION 1

Identify the features of a Farmers' Field School and state an advantage of each feature in extension.

[25 marks]

QUESTION 2

A number of people have argued that extension is not needed to develop agriculture. Identify and discuss the responsibilities of extension in agricultural development to oppose such an argument. [25 marks]

QUESTION 3

Individuals go through series of psychological stages before deciding to adopt a new farm practice.

a) Explain the stages to which the above statement refers. (10 marks)

b) State the most important source of information needed by the adopter at each stage, and why.

(15 marks)

[Total: 25 marks]

QUESTION 4

- a) Compare and contrast, cultural relativism and cultural ethnocentrism. (15 marks)
- b) Which of the two concepts mentioned in question 4a above dominates in rural areas of Swaziland or any other country of your choice, and why? (10 marks)

 [Total: 25 marks]