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**MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF
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**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR**

FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION

**FOR THE DEGREE
OF
MASTER OF SCIENCE AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION AND RURAL
DEVELOPMENT**

COURSE CODE: AEC 811

COURSE TITLE: SOCIOLOGY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT

DATE: 12/4/2024

TIME: 9-11 AM

INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

Answer any THREE (3) questions

TIME: 3 hours

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1) Discuss systematically the origins of the three dominant theories in development:

- i) the modernization,
- ii) the dependency,
- iii) the world system theories,

Consider the emerging concerns about third world nations by the western powers just after the world war II

(20marks)

2 (a) In development there are many obstacles, briefly discuss in the second group of obstacles the three obstacles to development in the third world nations whose elimination turns out to be unnecessary

(10marks)

(b) Discuss the sociological and ecological problems affecting rural development in Kenya

(10marks)

3) (a) Define and briefly discuss the following demographic concepts

- i) Over-urbanization
- ii) Natural increase
- iii) Demographic transition
- iv) Doubling time
- v) Dependency theory

(10marks)

(b) What are the consequences of rural-urban migration for?

- i) Sending areas (areas of origin)
- ii) Receiving areas (areas of destination)

(10marks)

4) In the application of his Functionalist theory, Talcott parsons developed the following four concepts:

- (a) System concept
- (b) Functional imperative concept
- (c) Homeostatic Equilibrium concept
- (d) Pattern Variable concept

Briefly discuss each of the concepts

(20marks)

5) Discuss the four social factors associated with third world nations in development

(20marks)