

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF LESOTHO
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS & EXTENSION
UNDERGRADUATE EXAMINATIONS

SEMESTER 2 EXAMINATIONS

AEC 2506: RURAL COMMUNITY ECONOMICS

MAY 2023

TIME: 3 HRS

MARKS: 100

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Answer any **ALL** questions.
2. Marks allocated for each question are in brackets.

SHORT AND STRUCTURED QUESTIONS

1. Define rural community economics (2)
2. Distinguish between community development and economic development (6)
3. State and explain eight (8) features of a rural economy (8)
4. Define participatory rural appraisal (PRA) and rapid rural appraisal (RRA) (4)
5. Distinguish between PRA & RRA, use a table to illustrate the differences (10)
6. Define and describe agglomeration cost (5)
7. Identify and describe three social economic impacts of land use changes (6)
8. Identify and describe four factors that influence of location of a business (8)
9. State and describe three methods used in the determination of the location of a business (6)
10. Describe three environmental impacts of land use changes in Lesotho (3)
11. Describe how credit and marketing are significant for the progress in rural areas in the quest for rural development in Lesotho? (10)
12. Storage is a challenge in rural areas, yet good storage is a critical element in agriculture. Discuss why is it important to develop proper storage facilities in rural areas? (5)
13. Why is agricultural diversification essential for sustainable livelihoods? (4)
14. Discuss some of the institutional weaknesses in Indian agriculture. (6)
15. Discuss your agricultural marketing is critical in agricultural and rural development? (6)
16. Describe Village Savings and Lending Associations and explain how Village Savings and Lending Associations may contribute to rural and agricultural development? (6)
17. State and describe five non-farm areas of employment for the rural population (5)

Total Marks..... [100]