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AEX 3306 - AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

FINAL EXAMINATION (2022/23)

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MARKS: 100

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

Please answer all questions. All questions have equal weight and each complete question carries 25 marks.

Question 1.

Bureaucratic approaches to rural development still reign supreme in many developing countries and Lesotho is not an exception. However, recent interest in participatory and bottom-up approaches has been fueled by limitations of centralized and conventional approaches. Identify five (5) of these limitations and discuss them. [25]

Question 2.

Explain how the following institutions are important for extension in rural development planning:

- a. Research. [5]
- b. Input supply. [5]
- c. Credit facilities. [5]
- d. Farmer-based organizations. [5]
- e. Non-governmental organization. [5]

Question 3

- a. Discuss why handouts are considered as both ineffective and detrimental in rural development. [20]
- b. Some development agencies still justify handouts in agricultural and rural development initiatives despite their ineffectiveness. Briefly explain why. [5]

Question 4

- a. Describe paternalistic model of communication in extension. [10]
- b. Enthusiasm is described as driving force behind development. Explain how rural development programmes can be designed so that enthusiasm will grow and flourish. [15]