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MAIN EXAMINATION

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FACULTY OF ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

O DEL/DLM PROGRAMME

MDS 503: RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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Duration: 3 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer ANY FOUR Questions

- Q1. “The future prosperity of rural regions will be driven by enterprise, innovation and technologies tailored to markets and applied to new and old industries” (2006 Edinburgh conference) Based on this statement, examine FIVE areas of opportunity positioned to boost local economic opportunities in rural areas. **(15 marks)**
- Q2. You have been invited as a key note speaker in a conference. Prepare a presentation on the topic “rural development and poverty alleviation” **(15 marks)**
- Q3. Present a critique of Lewis dual sector model of development in relation to rural development. **(15 marks)**
- Q4. Discuss the importance of value chains as an approach to the rural development in any one African country. In your response discuss the process of value chains and how they work. **(15 marks)**
- Q5. “A workable development strategy must be based on a comprehensive understanding of the dynamics that have shaped and are shaping rural areas”. Examine THREE strategies for rural development. Explain how you would use each strategy to initiate development in a rural area of your choice. **(15 marks)**

- Q6. a) Discuss the principles of rural development planning process. **(6 marks)**
- b) How effective is the decentralized planning in rural development and poverty alleviation. Give some case examples from any country.
(9 marks)

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