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**SECTION 2: Answer only four (04) questions.**

1. Describe the main differences in a typical rural community and an urban community. How do these differences affect social-mobility in the two communities?  
How do standard poverty measures used in assessing income poverty give different results in the two communities?
2. Describe the impact of "market-economy" and urban migration on the rural economy.  
What are the possible solutions to overcome these effects?
3. Write brief notes on three (3) of the following.
  - a. Bureaucratic organizations
  - b. Participatory rural development
  - c. Social stratification
  - d. Indigenous knowledge.
4. Explain the common basis on which regions are demarcated.  
Discuss the problems encountered and alternative methods that could be adopted.
5. Explain the short comings of agricultural research undertaken without rural participation and suggest alternative methods to carry out research.