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FIRST SEMESTER 2025/2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

**FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT**

**CDEV 111: INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT**

STREAM: R

TIME: 2 HRS

DAY: THURSDAY [11.30 A.M-13.30 P.M] DATE: 29/01/2026

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Vision: Nurture and Transform for the World

Mission: To Contribute to the World through Education, Research, Training, Consultancy, Innovation, Outreach and Collaboration

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question one (COMPULSORY) and any other two questions.

QUESTION ONE

- a) Explain the concept of community development. **(2 Marks)**
- b) Discuss how you can apply any five principles of community development to address youth unemployment in your local community. **(10 Marks)**
- c) Citing suitable examples explain the following approaches to community Development Practice.
 - i) Bottom -up Approach **(4 marks)**
 - ii) Asset Based Approach **(4 marks)**
- d) Apply the Diffusion of Innovations (DOI) theory to explain the adoption of a new agricultural initiative in the community for development. **(10 marks)**

QUESTION TWO

- a) Outline and explain the main steps when initiating a community development process. **(15 marks)**
- b) Citing suitable examples describe two major functions of communities in social organization. **(5 marks)**

QUESTION THREE

- a) Examine the importance of community development in promoting social and economic well-being. **(10 marks)**
- b) Discuss key factors that must be considered when initiating a community development initiative. **(10 marks)**

QUESTION FOUR

- a) Explain the importance of community participation in development activities. **(10 marks)**
- b) Explain the role of ethnicity and multiculturalism in Community Development. **(10 marks)**

QUESTION FIVE

- a) Analyse four major challenges affecting community development work and suggest possible ways of mitigating them. **(8marks)**
- b) Distinguish between bonding, bridging, and linking social capital. **(6 marks)**
- c) Explain collective action theory and clearly show its strengths in explaining community development work. **(6 marks)**