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COURSE CODE: CDC 317/ DCS 114

COURSE TITLE: PARTICIPATORY APPROACHES & METHODOLOGIES

EXAM DATE: MONDAY 3RD AUGUST 2026

TIME: 6:00PM-9:00PM

INSTRUCTIONS

- **Read the instructions and questions carefully before you write the answers.**
- **ANSWER ANY TWO QUESTIONS**
- ***ALL PAC University's examination rules and regulations apply***

QUESTION ONE

a) You have been appointed by your community development organization to spearhead women's empowerment initiatives. Describe how you will apply the following terms in this context.

i. Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) (2 Marks)
ii. Empowerment approach (2 Marks)
iii. Bottom-up approach (2 Marks)
iv. Participatory Action Research (PAR) (2Marks)
v. Focus group discussions (2 Marks)

b) Explain five challenges that you are likely to encounter when applying Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) and bottom-up approach (10 Marks)

QUESTION TWO

a) Community development cannot exist without inclusive member participation. Using relevant examples, explain **FIVE** reasons why you would apply participatory approaches in facilitating community transformation. (10 Marks)

b) Careful balance is also required while applying participatory rural methodologies. Explain **FIVE** challenges that you are likely to encounter while applying Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) (10 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

a) In many African communities, development projects such as women's empowerment programs, youth vocational training, school infrastructure, and sustainable farming initiatives depend on the effectiveness of community development agents. Using African examples, discuss **FIVE** qualities of community development agents that are essential in establishing participatory approaches to community transformation (10 Marks)

b) The ruling party in an African country has requested your services in implementing participatory methodologies for community transformation. As a community development practitioner, explain with African examples how you would apply the following participatory approaches;

i. Rights-Based Approach (2 Marks)
ii. Inclusive Approach (2 Marks)
iii. Asset-Based Approach. (2 Marks)

c) In reference to participatory approaches and methodologies, identify **FOUR** tools that you would apply to ensure community transformation is achieved in an African context. (4 Marks)