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AGJ6381/AGJ4533 Rural Sociology

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Time: 14.00-17.00hrs.
Duration: **3 hours**

SECTION II: Answer any four (04) questions

1.
 - i. Define the term 'Social change' (5marks)
 - ii. Describe how the following factors have contributed to change the agricultural sector in Sri Lanka (20 marks).
 - a. Geographical factors
 - b. Cultural factors
2.
 - i. Explain the differences between each of the following types of groups (10 marks)
 - a. primary & secondary groups
 - b. formal & informal groups.
 - ii. Describe the following forms of groups using examples (15 marks).
 - a. crowd
 - b. audience
 - c. public
3. Write short notes on five (05) of the following (25 marks).
 - i. Socialization
 - ii. Social interactions
 - iii. Modern vs traditional farming systems
 - iv. Bureaucratic organizations
 - v. Social problems
 - vi. Resistance to change
4.
 - i. Compare five (5) characteristic features of rural societies with the urban societies (10 marks).
 - ii. Discuss the benefits of the following processes to the agricultural communities (15marks)
 - a. modernization
 - b. commercialization.
5.
 - i. Compare volunteer organizations and professional organizations (05 marks).
 - ii. Discuss the importance of Rural organizations in facing the challenges in the agricultural sector (20 marks).
6. 'Social Institutions play a major role in establishing the culture and the value system of a society' Discuss with examples (25 marks).

