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DSP9403: SOCIOLOGY OF DEVELOPMENT



DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS)

Date: 5th April 2025

Time: 9.30am – 12.30pm

Answer four (4) questions only. Each question carries 25 marks. Illegible handwriting will be penalized.

1. “Both sociology and anthropology have contributed immensely to a more holistic understanding of development”. Discuss this statement with reference to the significant contributions made by sociology and anthropology to development studies.
2. Discuss with reference to the Sri Lankan context why it is important for development studies to engage with the concepts of culture and community.
3. “Modernization is the process of positive social transformation that leads to social progress”. Critically evaluate this statement considering the Sri Lankan context.
4. Discuss the benefits and challenges of popular participation in development initiatives focusing on the idea of localizing development.
5. How does Social Stratification shape the reality and discourse of development? Examine with special focus on Sri Lanka.
6. What is the significance of Social Institutions in the process and study of development? Discuss considering the concept of social accountability.
7. Explain the impact of globalization on development considering its sociological dimensions.
8. What are the emerging new areas of the sociology of development? Discuss with examples.

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