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**THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA**  
**BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL 4 (2006)**  
**FINAL EXAMINATION (2<sup>ND</sup> SEMESTER)**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – SSU 2209**



**DURATION – THREE (03) HOURS**

**Date: 11<sup>th</sup> December 2006**

**Time: 1.00p.m. – 4.00 p.m.**

**Answer five (05) questions only. Each question carries 20 marks.**

1.
  - (a) Discuss the concept of community and its basic characteristics.
  - (b) Discuss the concepts of Geographic and Moral (spiritual) communities.
2. List the types of communities that can be identified in Sri Lanka and describe two types that you consider significant for development.
3.
  - (a) Discuss what is meant by community disorganization.
  - (b) Examine the principal causal factors affecting community disorganization in present day Sri Lanka.
4.
  - (a) Discuss the concept of development as a process and a programme.
  - (b) Briefly explain the four perspectives on community development.
5. Briefly describe the contributions of three of the following to community development in Sri Lanka
  - The co-operative movement
  - Change Agent Programme
  - The rural development movement (Rural Development Societies)
  - Lanka Mahila Samithi or Sarvodaya
6. The Change Agent Programme is an action research programme for community development. Highlight key principles of the programme that are vital for community development.
7. Describe either the Janasaviya Programme or the Social Mobilization Programme of the Integrated Rural Development Programmes (IRDP) and explain how the concepts of "Process" and "Programme" are incorporated in them.
8. Briefly explain what is meant by civil society and examine the role of NGOs in community development.
9. Critically assess the contribution of Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs) to community development in Sri Lanka.