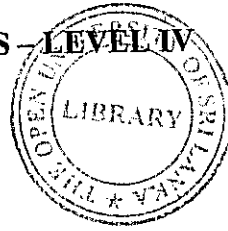


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 FINAL EXAMINATION – 2009  
 SSU 2209 – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



**DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS**

**Date: 31<sup>st</sup> October 2009**

**Time: 1.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.**

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

1. Define the concept of community and discuss the significance of Geographic and Moral (Spiritual) communities giving some examples from the Sri Lankan context.
2. Discuss the principal contributions of the following scholars in understanding the concept of community.
  - a) Max Weber
  - b) Ferdinand Tonnies
  - c) Louis Wirth
  - d) Robert Park
  - e) George Simmel
3. What are the characteristics of rural and urban communities? Explain these concepts with reference to Sri Lanka.
4. What are the factors that contribute towards community disorganisation? Discuss giving examples.
5. Discuss the contribution made by community studies to explain Sri Lankan society.
6. Critically discuss the four (04) ways of viewing community development with special reference to rural communities in Sri Lanka.
7. Describe the contribution made by the Rural Development Movement **OR** the Integrated Rural Development Programme to community development in Sri Lanka.
8. Are Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) indispensable to community development in Sri Lanka? Discuss critically.
9. Write short notes on any **four (04)** of the following from a community development perspective.
  - (i) The Rural Development Movement
  - (ii) Change Agent Programme (CAP)
  - (iii) The Lanka Mahila Samithi
  - (iv) Sarvodaya
  - (v) Civil Society
  - (vi) Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) of 1978