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 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES  
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 FINAL EXAMINATION – 2010  
 SSU 2209- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2010

Time: 1.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

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

1. (a) Define the concept of “community”.  
 (b) Discuss the seven (07) basic characteristics of a community.
2. (a) Explain the concepts of geographic and moral (spiritual) communities with reference to Sri Lanka.
3. Describe the principal contributions made by any two (02) of following sociologists to the understanding of community.
  - (i) Ferdinand Tonnies
  - (ii) Max Weber
  - (iii) Robert Park
  - (iv) Louis Wirth
  - (v) George Simmel
4. (a) Describe the ‘Rural-Urban Continuum’?  
 (b) Briefly explain the characteristics of the rural and urban types of communities.
5. Discuss the factors contributing to “community disorganization” with special attention to natural disasters that took place in Sri Lanka.
6. Define community development and discuss the four (04) ways of viewing it.
7. Discuss the contribution of the Rural Development Movement OR the Change Agent Programme to community development in Sri Lanka.
8. What is the role of Non-governmental Organizations in community development in Sri Lanka? Examine.
9. Write short notes on any **four (04)** of the following.
  - (i) The Cooperative Movement
  - (ii) Change Agent Programme
  - (iii) The Lanka Mahila Samithi
  - (iv) Sarvodaya
  - (v) Janasaviya Programme
  - (vi) Integrated Rural Development Programme (1978)