

**THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRILANKA  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES  
BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL IV  
SSU2209 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
FINAL EXAMINATION - 2012/2013**



**DURATION: THREE (3) HOURS**

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**Date: 09.03.2013**

**Time: 01.30 p.m.- 04. 30 p.m.**

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**Answer five (5) questions only. Each question carries 20 marks**

1. Describe the different types of urban communities. Select an urban community that you are familiar with and describe how it fits into one of those types.
2. Describe the causes of community disorganization.
3. Describe the characteristics of a community as discussed by Louis Wirth. Critically evaluate how useful they are to distinguish between a rural and urban community.
4. The main objective of community development is to help local communities identify their own needs and plan how they can achieve them. Discuss any government initiated community development programme and assess how effectively it has fulfilled this objective.
5. Discuss the impact of pre-independence social welfare initiatives on community development in Sri Lanka.
6. Describe two movements that emerged from the work of civil society organisations in Sri Lanka.
7. Analyse the causes that led to the decline of the rural development movement.
8. Describe the objectives of multi-purpose irrigation based resettlement projects. How effective was the Gal Oya Scheme in meeting these objectives?
9. Describe the factors that led to the establishment of civil society organisations between 1948 and 1977 in Sri Lanka.