



The Open University of Sri Lanka
 Faculty of Engineering Technology
 Diploma/Degree in Technology & Industrial Studies (Agriculture)
 Final Examination- 2011/2012
 AEJ 4233 Rural Sociology.

Date : 27 -02 -2012
 Time : 13.30- 16.30 hours
 Duration : Three (03) hours

SECTION II

1. (a) Define the term 'Community' (05 marks).
 (b) (i) Outline the common factors used to identify a community (10 marks).
 (ii) Discuss the characteristics of rural agricultural communities (10 marks).

2. (a) Name five (5) organizations related to agriculture and outline their functions (10 marks)
 (b) Compare the characteristics of traditional and bureaucratic organizations (15 marks).

3. (a) Briefly explain five (5) functions of social values (10 marks).
 (b) Discuss the relationship between social values and social problems (15 marks).

4. Write short notes on any four (4) of the following topics (25 marks.)
 - i. Land tenure and marriage
 - ii. Process of socialization
 - iii. Forms of stratification
 - iv. Conflicts in organizations.
 - v. Natural resources and rural settlements.

5. (a) Describe the term 'Social change' (10 marks)
 (b) Discuss the influence of the following factors towards changing agricultural Societies (15 marks)
 - (i) Geographical factors
 - (ii) cultural factors

6. (a) Define the term 'Rural development' (05 marks)
 (b) Discuss 'Agricultural modernization' as a strategy for rural development (20 marks).