



The Open University of Sri Lanka
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Industrial Studies (Agriculture) programme

Final Examination- 2012/2013

AEJ4233 Rural Sociology.

Date : 29 -07 -2013
Time : 13.30- 16.30 hours
Duration : Three (03) hours

SECTION II

1. (a) Discuss the steps in the process of group formation **(10 marks)**.
(b) Discuss the role of the following type of groups in agricultural activities, with examples to highlight the importance of each type.
 - (i) formal groups
 - (ii) Informal groups **(15 marks)**.

2. (a) Explain the criteria used to divide the society into different strata **(10 marks)**.
(b) Discuss the negative functions of social stratification with examples **(15 marks)**.

3. (a) Explain the characteristics of the rural sector of Sri Lanka **(10 Marks)**.
(b) Discuss the role of the following strategies in developing the rural areas.
 - (i). Participatory Rural Development approach.
 - (ii). Integrated Rural Development approach **(15 marks)**.

4. Write short notes on any four (4) of the following topics **(25 marks)**.
 - i. Agricultural modernization
 - ii. Functions of social values.
 - iii. Resources for farming.
 - iv. Urban migration.
 - v. Social change and culture.

5. (a) Describe the two types of social interaction **(10 marks)**.
(b) Discuss the factors that encourage 'co-operation' among individuals **(15 marks)**.

6. Critically examine the role of social institutions in establishing the traditional value system and thereby minimising social problems **(25 marks)**.