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Duration : Three 03 hours

SECTION II

1. **Social class in a society is represented by a social pyramid comprising different levels.**
 - (a) Discuss the factors affecting upward mobility within the pyramid.
 - (b) Compare on the gap between the top and the bottom layers of the rural & urban social pyramids.

2. **Values, attitudes and beliefs are constituents of culture.**
 - (a) Discuss how factors like norms, values, attitudes, beliefs and interests contribute in the formation of deviant subcultures in the society.

 - (b) Explain the following characteristics of culture.
 - i. culture is dynamic.
 - ii. Pattern of learned behaviour
 - iii. Shared by the members of the society.

3. **Write short notes on three (4) of the following topics;**
 - i. Socialization
 - ii. Community development
 - iii. Social interactions
 - iv. Group formation
 - v. Caste system.

4. **Rural sector is often referred as the traditional sector.**
 - (a) Discuss the features of the traditional rural sector of Sri Lanka.
 - (b) Explain how poverty alleviation (basic needs) approach would be a successful strategy in developing of the rural sector.

5. (a.) **Briefly explain the features of the following social relationship structures.**
 - i. crowd
 - ii. audience
 - iii. public.

(b) Discuss the role of social organizations as a social relationship structure.

6. **Write an essay on 'Family, Kinship and land tenure in ancient Sri Lanka.'**