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AEJ 4233 Rural sociology

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Duration : Three (03) hours

SECTION II

1. Farming is a collective activity facilitated by social groups and organizations.

- a. Give two (2) examples for rural organizations and discuss their functions.
- b. Discuss the involvement of family and neighbourhoods in farming activities.

2. Government efforts for rural development have not reached the expected targets.

- a. Define the term community and describe its essential components.
- b. Discuss the importance of community development as a rural development strategy.

3. Social values act as a measure of social control.

- a. Briefly explain the three types of social values.
- b. Discuss the functions of social values highlighting its importance in controlling social problems.

4. Agriculture is the major occupation of the rural sector in Sri Lanka.

- a. Briefly explain the characteristics of the rural sector of Sri Lanka.
- b. Discuss the effects of urbanization and commercialization on the rural agricultural sector.

5. Write short notes on four (4) of the following topics.

- a. Social institutions.
- b. Bureaucratic organizations
- c. Collectivities.
- d. Indigenous farming practices
- e. Rural poverty

6. Write an essay on Social stratification and its effect on society.