



The Open University of Sri Lanka
 Faculty of Engineering Technology
 Diploma/Degree in Technology & Industrial Studies (Agriculture)

Final Examination - 2013/2014

AEJ4233 - Rural Sociology

Date : 06-09-2014
 Time : 09.30 – 12.30 hours

SECTION II: Answer any four (04) questions

1. “Different social, economic and environmental factors contribute to social changes in developing countries”
 - i. Briefly discuss how social, economic and environmental factors could impact development. (10 marks)
 - ii. Define the term “social problems” using practical examples. (5 marks)
 - iii. Discuss the following concept: “social changes are key factors in social problems”. (10 marks)
2.
 - i. Briefly explain the family and kinship ties in ancient Sri Lanka. (10 marks)
 - ii. Discuss the role of kinship relationships for overall development in agriculture sector in Sri Lanka. (15 marks)
3. Write short notes on the following topics.
 - i. Mobilization of Indigenous Knowledge and agricultural development. (6 marks)
 - ii. Poverty alleviation through new agricultural technologies. (6 marks)
 - iii. Urbanization and migration. (6 marks)
 - iv. Income distribution and development of Sri Lanka. (7 marks)
4.
 - i. Discuss how competition leads to conflict situation and retards the development in a society. (10 marks)
 - ii. Briefly elaborate suggestions and recommendations to overcome ongoing rural social problems in Sri Lanka. (15 marks)
5.
 - i. What do you understand by “Bureaucratic organizations have replaced all traditional organization except family”? (10 marks)
 - ii. Discuss the role of family in social development. (15 marks)
6.
 - i. Discuss how organizational power could support to meet the goals of organizations in agricultural sector in Sri Lanka. (10 marks)
 - ii. Write an essay on “Rural development through participatory approaches”. (15 marks)