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SECTION 2: Answer only four (04) questions

1. Interaction among people occur in various forms. While some interactions draw people together some push them apart.
 - (a) Outline the components of these two types of interactions (conjunctive and disjunctive)
 - (b) Discuss how undesirable situations developed through interactions that reflect injustice (disjunctive) could be overcome with the help of positive interactions (conjunctive).

2. Family is a basic social institution.
 - (a) Briefly explain the features that make family unique among other social institutions.
 - (b) Discuss how the family – society interactions support the process of socialization of individuals.

3. Write short notes on any three (03) of the following topics.
 - (a) Social stratification
 - (b) Basic needs approach for poverty alleviation
 - (c) Social mobility
 - (d) Indigenous knowledge in agriculture.

4.
 - (a) Compare the features of primary and secondary groups.
 - (b) Discuss advantages and disadvantages of working as a group in accomplishing a common goal, citing examples.

5. Organizations are broadly classified as traditional and bureaucratic organizations.
 - (a) Describe the four basic features of bureaucracy
 - (b) Compare the characteristics and functions of traditional and bureaucratic organizations.

6. Write an essay on Rural development in Sri Lanka emphasizing the improvements in the paddy farming sector through policy changes.