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Faculty of Engineering Technology
Industrial Studies Program

Final Examination- 2007

AEM4234 Agricultural economics and management

Date : 22-04-2008
Time : 1330-1630 hrs

SECTION2: Answer any four (04) questions.

1. "Many changes took place in Agrarian societies during the colonial period".

Discuss in detail both positive and negative changes taken place due to the impact of colonial domination.

2. (a) Briefly explain the methods of responding to risky situations using diagrams.
(b) Discuss the main risks associated with agricultural investments due to its biological nature.

3. (a) Briefly explain the main elements of communication.

(b) Discuss the role of an extension officer in communicating agricultural information to rural people.

4. Write short notes on any three (03) of the followings;

- (i) Benefits of agricultural projects
- (ii) Labour motivation
- (iii) How farmers learn
- (iv) Mechanization of agriculture

5. Write an essay on 'utilization of labour in paddy farming' referring to the seasonal variations in labour requirements in Sri Lanka.

6. Discuss how you would justify a rural credit program to a funding agency.