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FINAL EXAMINATION – 2009

**SSP 1224 – SOCIAL FUNDAMENTALS OF DEVELOPMENT AND
DEVELOPMENT COMMUNICATION**

DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 30th November 2009

Time: 1.30 p.m. — 4.30 p.m.

Answer four (04) questions only. Each question carries 25 marks.

1. Explain the institutional challenges faced by Sri Lankan bureaucracies with special reference to the Model introduced by Max Weber.
2. The role of religion as a social institution is decisive in working towards balanced and holistic development of people at individual and collective levels. Assess the validity of this statement with reference to constraints faced by societies like Sri Lanka.
3. Discuss as to what specific aspects of Sri Lankan traditional culture become constraints within the process of national development.
4. What is fundamentally required for effective alleviation of attitudinal and economic poverty is an empowered community. Explain what this statement means in reality in the context of Sri Lankan society.
5. Modernization theorists like Inkeles held the view that development is dependent on transformation of attitudes. Critically discuss.
6. The contributions of the founding fathers of sociology have become universal and timeless in significance. Explain with reference to at least three major Western sociologists.
7. Critically assess the influence of different groups in creating a vibrant society.
8. Explain with examples how the process of development could eliminate social inequality and stratification.