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SSP1224/1217 – SOCIAL FUNDAMENTALS OF DEVELOPMENT COMMUNICATION

DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 17th March 2013

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

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

1. Critically examine with examples the meaning of participation and empowerment in the context of Urban Development.
2. In many countries affected by conflict, the voice of women is silenced by cultural and social constraints. Discuss.
3. Discuss how the strength and stability of a social institution can impact on development interventions with reference to Sri Lanka. You may focus on one social institution in your answer.
4. How does the multi-dimensional nature of social stratification in Sri Lankan society impact on development processes?
5. What are the different degrees of beneficiary participation in development programmes? Discuss the ideal degree of participation and some of the barriers to achieving this ideal.
6. What is the main difference between the Women in Development (WID) approach and the Gender and Development (GAD) approach? Assess which approach is more appropriate in the Sri Lankan development context.
7. Explain how misunderstanding in communication occurs and how this can be minimized in the context of national development initiatives.

8. Critically discuss the prominent dysfunctional consequences of Bureaucracy in the context of public institutions.
9. Discuss the significance of sociological theory with reference to Functionalist and Marxist Approaches.

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