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 DSP9403: SOCIOLOGY OF DEVELOPMENT
 DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS)



Date: 12th January 2019

Time: 9.30a.m.-12.30p.m.

Answer five (5) Questions Only. Each Question Carries 20 Marks.

1. "Sociological analysis of development brings a critical perspective to development studies". Examine this statement with reference to the role played by sociology of development in the field of development studies.
2. Define the concept of social institutions; discuss how social institutions may be transformed in multiple ways to dis-empower people citing relevant concepts with examples.
3. Analyze how social development is shaped by social stratification taking examples from the Sri Lankan development context.
4. What are the critical approaches and strategies of gender equality that focus on improving women's and some marginalized men's disadvantaged position in the development process? Discuss.
5. Explain selected progressive interventions of rural development during recent times with an emphasis on the development approaches used in them.
6. "Concepts of culture and community are central to the understanding of development from a sociological perspective". Discuss this statement.
7. Critically evaluate the ideological basis of modernization theory in development and its impact on development practice.
8. Discuss the opportunities and challenges associated with Popular Participation in development and its effect on development initiatives.
9. Critically discuss the role of law in development and how it has evolved from 'instrument of development' to 'objective of development'.