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**SSP 1217 – SOCIAL FUNDAMENTALS OF DEVELOPMENT AND**  
**DEVELOPMENT COMMUNICATION**



**DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS**

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**Date: 16<sup>th</sup> November 2008**

**Time 9.30 a.m. — 12.30 p.m.**

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

1. “The problems of bureaucracy in Sri Lankan society have not been inherited from the Western Model. They are rooted in the way the concept has been locally introduced. Critically assess this statement citing research familiar to you.
2. Critically examine the assumption held by modernization theorists like Inkeles that it is the character of individuals that need to be transformed if we are to witness a decisive change in the national development process of any country.
3. Religion as a social institution has the potential to create an enlightened mindset in people to contribute towards national development progressively. Critically discuss this statement with reference to Sri Lanka.
4. Can the prevailing development model practiced in Sri Lanka create a society that will value equity and equality? Comment with reference to social stratification as seen in Sri Lanka.
5. Social empowerment as a concept needs to be incorporated in any development initiative aimed at poverty alleviation. Discuss some of the key considerations relating to this human development challenge in contemporary Sri Lankan society.
6. What specific aspects of Sri Lankan traditional culture become driving forces as well as constraints to national development?
7. The contribution made by early Western as well as American sociologists help to explain the character of our society in a manner that is universally relevant. Discuss with reference to at least three major contributors among them to the field of sociology.
8. Discuss the difference between “groups” and “organizations” paying special attention to their impact on the national development process of Sri Lanka.