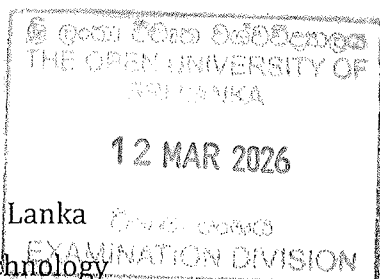




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General Instructions

1. This is a Closed Book Test.
2. This question paper consists of **six (6)** questions in five **(05)** pages.
3. **Answer five (5) questions including question No 01.**
4. Question No. 01 contains 10 structured questions. Answer these questions in the space provided and attach the paper to the answer booklet.
5. Read all the questions carefully before answering.
6. Answer for each question should commence from a new page in the answer book.
7. Write your answers in clear handwriting.
8. Do not use red colour pens.

In case of doubt, please consult the supervisor or an invigilator in the examination hall.

Question No 01.

Answer all 10 structured questions in the space provided (2x10= 20 marks).

1. Briefly describe the process of 'socialization'.

2. Outline **two (2)** disadvantages of the 'nuclear family concept'.

(i) -----

(ii) -----

3. Outline **two (2)** common characteristics shared by an ethnic group

(iii) -----

(iv) -----

4. What is known as 'specialization' in relation to formal organizations.

5. Compare 'class system' with 'caste system'

6. Give **two (2)** examples for each of the following.

(i) Natural unplanned ecological entities

(ii) Planned ecological entities

7. Explain **two (2)** elements in the 'structural dimension' of social change.

(i)-----

(ii)-----

8. Briefly explain the **two (2)** basic forms of social interactions.

(i)-----

(ii) -----

9. How do you define a '**social problem**'

10. Outline **two (2)** common social problems faced by rural communities in Sri Lanka.

(i)-----

(ii) -----



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Select any **four (4)** questions from the following. Write your answers in the answer book.

Question No2.

Culture is defined as a continually changing pattern of learned behaviour.

- i. Describe the formal and informal agents of cultural change (10 marks)
- ii. Compare modern societies with traditional societies based on cultural changes (10 marks).

Question No 3.

- i. Explain the steps in the process of group formation (10 marks)
- ii. Discuss the benefits of engaging 'informal groups' in farming activities (10 marks).

Question No.4 Write short notes on **four (04)** of the following (**5 x4 = 20 marks**).

- a. Religion as a social institution
- b. Negative Social Interactions
- c. Indigenous methods of crop protection
- d. Land tenure systems
- e. Agricultural innovations

Question No.5.

- i. Discuss the policies adopted to improve the 'cultivation practices of the paddy sector' during the post independent period in Sri Lanka (10 marks).
- ii. ***'Government policies are not always beneficial for rural farmers'***
 Critically evaluate the above statement citing examples to support your answer (10 marks).

Question No 6.

'Rural livelihoods are built upon the availability of natural resources'

Comment on the above statement citing examples from the rural farming systems in Sri Lanka
 (20 marks)
