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Time allowed: 3 Hours.  
Answer THREE questions.

1. EITHER  
While the term 'Community Development' has been subjected to great attention in terms of attempts to define it and describe the types of activities that normally accompany it, at the same time there has been generally very little attention devoted to understanding the constituent terms 'Community' and 'Development'. Discuss.  
OR  
What in your view are the distinctive features of Community Development as an approach to development? Illustrate your answer with examples.
2. Describe (a) the main features of the Community Development programme in developing countries 1950-65 and (b) illustrate the lessons which can be drawn from this experience.
3. The Muintir na Tire experience 1931 - 1954 is illustrative of the types of difficulties that community groups may face. Discuss.
4. To what extent is it accurate to describe the relationship between community groups and state agencies in terms of either Conflict or Consensus models.
5. What are the distinctive features of Community Enterprise? What advantages do community groups bring to economic projects?
6. EITHER  
'While the various components of a comprehensive Rural Development policy have been identified at some time or other over the past 30 years, a clear and consistent approach, within a well articulated policy framework has not emerged'. Discuss.  
OR  
Outline and discuss both the merits and demerits of a 'top-down' and 'bottom-up' approach to Rural Development.
7. A perennial problem in all types of Community Development activity is the low level of participation. Discuss the arguments for and against participation in Community Development activities and indicate what steps should be taken by development projects to ensure effective participation.