**Difference Between Urban and Rural Society**

**The main difference between the two societies as under:**

Rural society was one which has not industrialized, whereas present day urban society is highly urbanized and industrialized.

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| **Sl. No.** | **Rural Society (Pre-industrial Society)** | **Urban Society (Industrial Society)** |
| 1. | Life in the society was very simple and reflected in the way of living, dressing, food habits, shelter and manners etc. | Life in the city is not simple but very complex and complicated. |
| 2. | The people in the society had homogeneity and thus enjoyed more or less the same social status. | The people in the city belong to different castes, creeds, religions and cultures, thus do not enjoy the same social status. |
| 3. | In the rural society there was very little scope for occupational mobility. | In cities there are many occupations, so occupational mobility is as well as frequent. |
| 4. | Here the family played a very significant and predominant role. Its hold was very strong. | In the cities hold of families is not strong, and many functions which the families used to perform have been taken away by other institutions and associations. |
| 5. | In villages there is no fast change and as such no necessity for social adaptability. | In the cities there must be fast mobility and adaptability to suit ever changing fast life. |
| 6. | In the rural society culture was very deep-rooted. Everyone loved culture and cultural heritage above everything else. | In the cities it is different to find pure culture. |
| 7. | In a rural society there is no division of labor. | In an urban community there is always division of labor and specialization in job allotment. |
| 8. | Rural society did not give due and proper respect to the womenfolk. | In urban communities women enjoys comparatively high social status. |
| 9. | In this society people loved nature and natural bounties. They were religious minded and afraid of gods and goddesses. | In cities, people have no time to stand and gaze at the nature. They are not religious minded but more materialistic. |
| 10. | There were very few chances of providing employment and incentives to the unemployed by the society. | The cities provide both incentive and employment to the people and thus frustrated villages find solace in the cities which respects ability and judges their worth. |