

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
INFORMATION STUDIES UNIT
FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
BA DEGREE IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES
LEVEL 5 (SEMESTER I)
HSU5301 – INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE SOCIETY
FINAL EXAMINATION – 2018/2019



DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS ONLY.

Date: 23rd December 2018

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Instructions:

- Answer only **five (05)** questions.
- All questions carry equal marks.

1. Explain different characteristics of Industrial society and Post-industrial society. (20 marks)
2. a. Explain the characteristics of information defined by Cleveland (1982) (10 marks)
b. How “information” is regarded in the Market Economy? (10 marks)
3. a. What is Social Informatics? (05 marks)
b. Explain with examples the utilization of social informatics in the Sri Lankan society (15 marks)
4. Discuss with examples, the role of the main actors in the information environment? (20 marks)
5. Community Information has specific characteristics when compared with other information categories. Discuss your answer with examples. (20 marks)
6. a. What is Digital Divide? (05 marks)
b. Explain the main points that can be considered in bridging the Digital Divide in Sri Lanka (15 marks)
7. The technology has influenced the Library and Information Science sphere in a highly constructive manner. Discuss the statement with examples (20 marks)
8. a. Briefly explain the specificity of Government Information (GI). (05 marks)
b. Explain how the E-Government strategy of Sri Lanka has enhanced provision of GI to Sri Lankan citizens. (15 marks)

9. Write short notes on any four (04) of the following topics. (5 marks each)

- a. Sustainable Development Goals
- b. Multifaceted role of Librarians
- c. Unified theory of acceptance and use of technology
- d. Community categories
- e. Digital living
- f. Information poverty