

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
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FINAL EXAMINATION - LEVEL III (SEMESTER II)
SSU1206 – SRI LANKAN SOCIETY
DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS)



Date: 24.02.2019

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Answer five (05) questions only. Each question carries 20 marks.

1. What are social institutions? Describe with reference to the nature and functions of social institutions.
2. How does the Middle-East and Korean migration have contributed in shaping Sri Lankan socio-cultural systems? Discuss.
3. What is social stratification? Describe citing relevant examples from contemporary Sri Lankan society.
4. Describe the main differences between the colonial and post-colonial Sri Lankan society.
5. “The daily code for the laity introduced by Anagarika Dharmapala is an attempt at modernising the Sinhala community”. Critically assess this statement.
6. Are Sinhala and Tamil caste systems similar? Explain citing appropriate examples.
7. Explain the main factors which contributed to developing antagonisms and conflicts between Sinhalese and Tamils.
8. Write short notes on any FOUR (04) of the following:
 - (i) Shape of changing religion institution in Sri Lanka.
 - (ii) Marriage, increasing divorce rates and families in Sri Lanka.
 - (iii) Religious tensions and religious syncretism.
 - (iv) The difference between the secular and non-secular society.
 - (v) The socio-cultural impact of economic liberalisation in Sri Lanka.
 - (vi) The traditional functions of the education in Sri Lanka.
 - (vii) Party politics as a system of social stratification.
 - (viii) Private and public hospitals in Sri Lanka.

