

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA  
INFORMATION STUDIES UNIT  
BA DEGREE IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES  
LEVEL 5 (SEMESTER I)  
HSU5301 – INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE SOCIETY  
FINAL EXAMINATION – 2019/2020



**DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS ONLY**

**Date: 08<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**Time: 01.30 p.m. – 04.30 p.m.**

**Instructions:**

- Answer only five (05) questions.
  - All questions carry equal marks.
1. a. What is Pre Industrial Society? (5 marks)  
b. Describe main features of Pre Industrial Society. (15 marks)
  2. a. What is Industrial Society? (5 marks)  
b. Explain the basic features of the Industrial society. (15 marks)
  3. a. What are the three main phases of economic development described by Daniel Bell? (5 marks)  
b. Daniel Bell had defined the features of the post industrial society. What are these features? (15 marks)
  4. a. What are the two sectors of Information Economy? (5 marks)  
b. Explain important characteristics that are visible in the Information Economy. (15 marks)
  5. In modern context, information is treated as a commodity as well as a factor of production. Explain with examples. (20 marks)
  6. a. Give a brief introduction to Social Informatics. (5 marks)  
b. Discuss with examples how the social informatics is being used in Sri Lankan society. (15 marks)

7.
  - a. What are the three domains of Information environment? (5marks)
  - b. Explain who are the actors of information environment. (15 marks)
  
8.
  - a. What are Communities of Interest and Communities of Practice? (10 marks)
  - b. Explain the main categories of community information. (10 marks)
  
9. Write short notes on four (04) of the following. (20 marks)
  1. Digital divide
  2. Sustainable development goals
  3. Government information
  4. Human capital
  5. Sri Lankan mosaic
  6. Digital living