

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
MA IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES AND PUBLIC POLICY – LEVEL 9
FINAL EXAMINATION – 2021/2022
DSP9403: SOCIOLOGY OF DEVELOPMENT
DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS)



Date: 25.06.2022

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Answer four (04) Questions Only. Each Question Carries 25 Marks.

1. “One of the significant contributions made by Sociology towards Development Studies is the expansion of the understanding of development”. Evaluate this statement with reference to the evolution of the sub-discipline of sociology of development.
2. Critically evaluate the concept of culture and its role in understanding development.
3. Discuss Modernization theory with reference to social implications of modernity on traditional societies.
4. Discuss the challenges of popular participation in the development process.
5. Compare and contrast the ideas of “law as the means of development” and “law as the end of development”.
6. Examine the significance of social accountability as an operational principle of social development, drawing on different approaches and strategies to social accountability with examples.
7. Discuss the context of gender inequality in development making theoretical and conceptual references and specific factual evidence from Sri Lanka.
8. What is the contribution of the sociology of development thought within the larger body of development discourse?? Describe with relevant examples.
9. Explain the potential of Rural Sociology as a branch of Sociology? Discuss its evolution and development.

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