

**THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES (2021/2022)
FINAL EXAMINATION – LEVEL IV (FIRST SEMESTER)
DSU 4353 KINSHIP, FAMILY AND MARRIAGE
DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS)**



Date: 23rd July 2022

Time: 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

**Answer five (05) questions only. Each question carries 20 marks.
Answers should be numbered accurately and written clearly.
Illegible handwriting will be penalized.**

01. Imagine that you are invited to deliver a speech on “The Role of the Family in the Face of Contemporary Issues in Sri Lanka”. Explain what points you would highlight in your speech.
02. Reflect on the debate on the incest taboo in relation to the Sri Lankan multi-cultural context.
03. Examine the relevance and limitations of the biological explanations of kinship relations.
04. Critically examine the functionalist view of family.
05. Explain the distinctive features of the Kandyan Sinhalese marriage practices with relevant examples.
06. “In the current social context, it has become more popular to find a partner through marriage classifieds”. Evaluate this statement.
07. Critically examine the debate on nature and culture in creating gender identities.
08. The process of social change has resulted in significant changes in the institutions of marriage, family, and kinship. Analyze with examples.
09. Write short notes on four (04) of the following:
 - a. Explain the West Marck hypothesis
 - b. Companionate marriage
 - c. Collier’s argument on ‘saying’ vs ‘doing’
 - d. Family as a social group
 - e. New Re productive technologies

