

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
 BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL 5
 FINAL EXAMINATION– 2021/2022 (FIRST SEMESTER)
 DSU5327 – MEDIA AND DEMOCRACY
 DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS



Date: 17th of July 2022

Time: 01.30p.m- 4.30p.m

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. The question paper consists of NINE (09) questions
 2. Answer Five (05) questions only
 3. All questions carry equal marks (20 marks each)
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1. Mass Media should be inspired by a Democratic ethos if people are to be victorious. What does this mean?
 2. Governments cannot ignore fundamental freedoms/rights using national security as an excuse? Discuss with reference to prevailing practices.
 3. Sri Lanka's national newspapers should contribute more towards ethnic reconciliation and national unity. What are the constraints faced by journalists in this context?
 4. Universities should have a vibrant academic environment brimming with ideas. Critically assess whether students really do this in Sri Lankan universities?
 5. Citizen Journalism should not be driven by bankrupt and reactionary human attitudes and values. Explain what this means in the context of Sri Lanka
 6. A Quasi Democracy has the appearance of a democracy with authoritarian tendencies. Discuss
 7. Social Media should force governments as well as people to be more responsible. How do you assess the present Sri Lankan reality?
 8. What are the most urgent media reforms you would propose, if Sri Lanka is to have a new government? Discuss five major reforms.
 9. Right to Information is a major victory for the people in a democracy. Discuss why?

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