



THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
 BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAMME &
 B.Sc. NURSING DEGREE PROGRAMME – (2016/2017)
 FINAL EXAMINATION - LEVEL III (SEMESTER II)
 SSU1198 – INTRODUCTION TO SRI LANKAN SOCIETY & CULTURE
 DURATION: TWO HOURS (02 HOURS)

Date: 25.07.2017

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

Answer four (04) questions only. Each question carries 25 marks.

1. Most of us are born and bred in this country and are very much aware of the socio-cultural environment of Sri Lanka. In such context, why should someone follow a special course to understand Sri Lankan society and culture? Discuss.
2. To what extent is the Parliamentary System useful to take the country forward and achieve sustainable development goals? Debate.
3. Analyse the merits and demerits of the Presidential System with special reference to the current government which came to power promising to promote good governance and rule of law.
4. Why do we define Sri Lanka as a multi-religious and multi-cultural country? Argue.
5. Describe the similarities and differences of Sinhala and Tamil kinship patterns.
6. Are men and women differently valued in society? Can we approve of such divisions? Describe with relevant examples.
7. What is the connection between the economic policies of a country and class formation? Explain.
8. Is the increase of garbage in our cities an outcome of Sri Lanka's socio-economic development? Critically discuss.
9. Write short notes on any **five (5)** of the following:
 - (i) Religious tensions in Sri Lanka.
 - (ii) Reforming the Sri Lankan constitution and abolishing the executive presidency.
 - (iii) Traditional and modern criteria of social mobility.
 - (iv) Changing values and norms of Sri Lankan society.
 - (v) The need for a link between the natural and social sciences in addressing everyday social issues.
 - (vi) Natural disasters and peoples unity to help victims.
 - (vii) Constraints for rebuilding Sri Lanka after nearly three decades of ethnic conflict.