

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAMME – (2020/2021)
FINAL EXAMINATION - LEVEL III (SEMESTER II)
DSU3298 – INTRODUCTION TO SRI LANKAN SOCIETY
DURATION: TWO HOURS (02 HOURS)



Date: 4.12.2021

Time: 1.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.

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

1. “Is the total ban on imports of agrochemicals and fertilizers a way of persuading farmers to engage in organic agriculture?” Examine this question raised by an ordinary farmer at one of the ongoing protests demanding manure for the “Maha” season cultivation, in the context of the contemporary Sri Lankan society.
2. The project ‘One Belt One Road (OBOR)’, introduced by Chinese President Xi Jinping, is an impressive economic development and commercial project which concentrates on enhancing connectedness and collaboration among various countries scattered across the regions of Asia, Africa, and Europe. Can this be considered a way of establishing Chinese colonialism in South Asia? Discuss.
3. During the recent parliament debate on the budget it was stated that “The impact from the British than the Portuguese colonisers on Sri Lankan society is so great that we are still being governed by the laws introduced by them”. Discuss this statement.
4. “The land tenure system of the Kandyan kingdom is better than the modern ad hoc settlements created by the politician-led development”. Do you agree with this statement? Describe your viewpoints.
5. Explain the multi-religious, multi-ethnic and multi-cultural nature of Sri Lankan society focusing on specific examples.
6. Identify the importance of maintaining a balance between the exploitation of the environment and development objectives, with reference to Sri Lanka.