



THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

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BACHELOR OF EDUCATION HONOURS IN SPECIAL NEEDS
EDUCATION DEGREE PROGRAMME - 2022/2023 - LEVEL - 05

FINAL EXAMINATION – 2023

SNU5237/ESU3137 – SOCIOLOGICAL FOUNDATION OF SPECIAL NEEDS
EDUCATION

DURATION – THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 22.10.2023

Time: 09.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Answer All Questions in Part I and any three (03) questions from Part II.

PART - I

01. Define the term “socialization” in your own words.
02. Briefly explain Margaret Mead’s concept of ‘taking the role of the other’.
03. define the term ‘family’ in your own words.
04. What are the five types of diversity among families as mentioned by Rapoport and Rapoport in 1982?
05. Briefly explain the term ‘reference group’.
06. Differentiate between ‘upward mobility’ and ‘downward mobility’.
07. Briefly explain two factors that influence students’ drop out in the Sri Lankan education system.
08. Briefly explain the concept of ‘co-operative learning’.

(05 x 08 = 40 marks)

PART – II

09. i. Define the term culture. (04 marks)
- ii. Briefly explain the **two (02)** essential qualities of culture. (06 marks)
- iii. ‘Within a certain micro-culture, certain sub-cultures may emerge as a result of differences in ethnicity, religion, or social class’.

Do you agree with the above statement? Give reasons for your answer. (10 marks)

10. i. Differentiate between 'vertical extension' and 'horizontal extension' of a family. (04 marks)
- ii. Extended families are rapidly changing into nuclear families due to various reasons. Identify **three (03)** reasons that may have contributed to this change. (06 marks)
- iii. 'Extended family is better than nuclear family to socialize children'.
Do you agree with the above statement. Give reasons for your answer. (10 marks)
11. i. Mention four socio-metric status groups. (04 marks)
- ii. Briefly explain the **two (02)** socio-metric status groups mentioned above. (06 marks)
- iii. Evaluate the importance of peer relations for the development of a child with special needs. (10 marks)
12. i. What do you mean by the concept of 'cultural reproduction'? (04 marks)
- ii. The socialization function expected from schools may not be performed effectively. Give **three (03)** reasons. (06 marks)
- iii. 'The Sri Lankan school system cannot obviously provide the same kind of socialization to all the children in the nation'.
Critically evaluate the above statement. (10 marks)
13. i. Mention **four (04)** difficulties faced by students with special needs while studying at school. (04 marks)
- ii. Briefly explain **three (03)** difficulties mentioned by you. (06 marks)
- iii. Give your suggestions to overcome the difficulties explained by you. (10 marks)
14. i. What do you mean by media literacy? (04 marks)
- ii. Mention how to use mass media positively for the development of children with special needs. (06 marks)
- iii. 'There is much concern regarding the effect of mass media on the attitudes and behaviour of children'.
Do you agree with the above statement? Justify your answer. (10 marks)

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