

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA  
 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES  
 BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAMME – (2019/2020)  
 FINAL EXAMINATION - LEVEL III (SEMESTER II)  
 SSU1198/DSU3298 – INTRODUCTION TO SRI LANKAN SOCIETY  
 DURATION: TWO HOURS (02 HOURS)



Date: 21.12.2019

Time: 1.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.

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

1. Why did western nations take Sri Lanka under their control? Discuss this question with special reference to the colonial period.
2. What are the merits and demerits of Parliamentary system of government? Discuss.
3. “The recent election results suggest that the people of Sri Lanka wish to have a strong president” according to political analysts. Discuss advantages and shortcomings of Executive Presidential system of government.
4. How should we describe an ethnic group? Explain with special reference to various criteria adopted by the society to do so.
5. It appears that both the ethnic majority and minorities are reluctant to accept Sri Lanka as a multi-cultural society. In this context, explain the features of a multi-cultural society.
6. Montesquieu firmly believed that the separation of government powers and human liberty should go together. According to the observation of everyday activities, discuss the validity of this theory in the Sri Lankan context.
7. Explain the similarities and differences between Sinhala and Tamil kinship systems.
8. Is there any form of gender based division of labour among natural science professionals? Explain referring to relevant examples.
9. Write short notes on any **five (5)** of the following:
  - (i) Ethno-religious groups in Sri Lanka.
  - (ii) Reforming the Sri Lankan constitution and abolishing the executive presidency.
  - (iii) Finding eternal solution for garbage issue in Sri Lanka
  - (iv) Contemporary trend of painting street walls by Sri Lankan youth
  - (v) The need for a link between the natural and social sciences in addressing everyday social issues.
  - (vi) The connection between Sri Lankan and global societies
  - (vii) The link between environment and development