

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES  
BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES  
FINAL EXAMINATION - LEVEL 4 (SEMESTER I) 2023/2024  
DSU4323 – COMMUNICATION IN DISASTER MITIGATION  
DURATION: THREE HOURS ONLY (03 HOURS)



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Date: 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Time: 9.30am to 12.30pm

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**Instructions:**

- Answer any five (05) questions only.
- Each answer carries 20 marks.

1. What is disaster communication? Discuss with examples why effective disaster communication is the most crucial step in disaster management.
2. Communication in Disaster Mitigation Course Book (2015) states, "Disaster preparedness is no longer a choice. It is mandatory, irrespective of where one lives". Discuss with examples.
3. What is Disaster Risk Reduction Cycle? Discuss the significance of Disaster Risk Reduction Cycle in managing disasters. Use examples.
4. Technically disasters can be categorized into natural and manmade disasters. However, many argue that all disasters can be considered as manmade. Discuss underlying reasons for this argument with examples.
5. What is early warning? What channels are most appropriate to be used for early warning in case of another Tsunami in Sri Lanka?
6. Explain with examples the important functions that the 'Asia Disaster Prevention Centre' recommends being carried out for disaster management.

7. Explain with examples why social media has a crucial role to play in disaster management.
8. Identify and explain the key players or parties that play major roles in disaster warning.
9. Briefly explain **four** of the topics mentioned below:
  1. 'Shakthi Sahana Yatra'
  2. Risk communication
  3. Covid 19 as a biological disaster
  4. Alert Net
  5. Man-made disasters

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