

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
 BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES - (2023/24)
 FINAL EXAMINATION - LEVEL - III (SEMESTER - I)
 DSU4353: KINSHIP, FAMILY AND MARRIAGE
 DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS)



Date: 06th January 2024

Time: 9.30 am – 12.30 pm

Answer only five (05) questions. Each question carries equal marks (20 Marks).

- 1) Do you think that kinship continues to be an important area of study for students in the social sciences? Explain.
- 2) "There are many variations in the way specific cultures and societies understand kinship". Examine this statement with appropriate examples from different socio-cultural contexts.
- 3) Elucidate the relevance of descent and alliance theories in understanding kinship systems.
- 4) Explain the universality of the prohibition against incest in all cultures and societies with appropriate theoretical debates and examples.
- 5) Has the shift towards companionate marriage offered a greater 'choice' and 'freedom' for women? Explain your answer with examples from the articles of Abayasekera (2013), Narasimhan (2008), Osella (2012), and White (1992) that you studied in this course.
- 6) "Marriage and kinship relations have significantly changed in the world with the socio-economic changes associated with *modernity*". Critically discuss with examples.
- 7) Discuss the universality of the family as a social institution, and the roles and functions it fulfils in society from the perspectives of functionalists and conflict theorists.
- 8) How have new reproductive technologies changed kinship ties in the contemporary society?
- 9) Write short notes on any four (04) of the following topics:
 - a) Kinship diagrams
 - b) Descent systems
 - c) Marriage classified
 - d) Types of Sinhala marriage
 - e) Nature Vs Nurture debate