

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES
FINAL EXAMINATION - LEVEL 5 (SEMESTER I) 2023/2024
DSU5327 – MEDIA AND DEMOCRACY
DURATION: THREE HOURS ONLY (03 HOURS)



Date: 7th January 2024

Time: 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm

Instructions:

- Select **Only Five (5)** questions.
- All questions carry equal marks (20 marks each)

1. Citizen Journalism should not use democratic freedoms to destroy democracy. What are the problems and issues confronted in Sri Lanka?
2. A university without a vibrant and pulsating academic environment brimming with new ideas is not only useless, but also dangerous. Express your views.
3. Intimidated mass media institutions cannot serve major obligations towards a democratic citizenry. Discuss with reference to contemporary challenges faced.
4. Post war reconciliation demands that we propagate specific ideals and values favorable to a pluralist society. What is your opinion.
5. Historical realities as well as present day challenges in restoring overall national stability should never be excuses by Third World governments to undermine democratic institutions. Discuss
6. The role of the press in carrying out its “Watch Dog Function” demands that we have a dynamic citizenry with adequate interests concerning what happens in the immediate socio-political, economic, and cultural environment. Discuss.
7. Functional democracy demands that we eliminate ground level deficiencies and constraints to its development. Discuss.
8. The role of Civil Society Organizations in mediating the interests of the people with policy makers should never be undermined by anyone. Discuss.
9. The vernacular media should help rural communities to bring to light what burdens them. Discuss.