



THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BACHELOR OF ARTS IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL V
FINAL EXAMINATION- 2023/2024
DSU 5355 – EDUCATION AND SOCIAL MOBILITY

DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS)

Date: 16th December 2023

Time: 01.30 p.m. to 04.30 p.m.

Answer only five (05) questions. All questions carry equal marks (20 marks per question)

01. Imagine that you are invited to address the parliamentarians of the Sri Lankan Parliament on the topic of “Challenges facing the Sri Lankan education system in the face of contemporary economic crisis”. What would you highlight in your speech?
02. Define the sub-discipline of sociology of education and describe its scope.
03. Examine Durkheim’s views on ‘Education and Social solidarity’.
04. “Contemporary Sri Lankan education system reproduces inequalities”. Critically evaluate this statement.
05. Explain the similarities and differences between education within the capitalist and neo-liberalist governing systems.
06. Explain with examples, how the resurgence of nationalism during the colonial period influenced education policies in Sri Lanka.
07. If you are requested to submit a report on the theme of “Challenges of Gender Socialization in the Sri Lankan School education System” to a committee on educational reforms at the Ministry of Education, what would you highlight in your report? Discuss.
08. How are protests linked to social mobility in Sri Lanka? Discuss with examples.
09. Write short notes on any four (04) of the following:
 - a. Value consensus.
 - b. Gramsci’s concept of hegemony.
 - c. Banking form of education.
 - d. Education reforms in the 1930s in Sri Lanka.
 - e. Education in Socialist governing system.