

**THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA**  
**INFORMATION STUDIES UNIT**  
**BA DEGREE IN LIS – LEVEL 5 (SEMESTER I)**  
**HSU5301 – INFORMATION AND KNOWLEDGE SOCIETY**  
**FINAL EXAMINATION – 2021/2022**



**DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS ONLY.**

**Date: 23.04.2022**

**Time: 9.30am – 12.30pm**

**Instructions:**

- Answer only five (05) questions.
- All questions carry equal marks.

1. i. What are the main four conventional factors in production function? (8 marks)  
 ii. Briefly explain five features of Industrial Society. (12 marks)
2. i. According to Daniel Bell, what are the three successive phases of economic progress? (6 marks)  
 ii. Briefly explain five changes out of six that occurred in society when emerging the Post Industrial Society as discussed by Daniel Bell.(14 marks)
3. i. Write six (6) characteristics of information defined by Cleveland (1982)  
 (6 marks)  
 ii. Briefly explain how information behaves within the information economy as a factor of production with five examples. (14 marks)
4. i. Write an acceptable authorized definition for the Social Informatics. (6 marks)  
 ii. Briefly explain the opportunities opened in the area of social informatics to enhance the library services for a selected type of library with four examples.  
 (14 marks)
5. i. What are the three main factors affected for the demand of Community Information.  
 (6 marks)  
 ii. Briefly explain main two categories of Community Information (CI). (14 marks)
6. i. What is the Digital Divide? Briefly describe with two acceptable definitions.  
 (10 marks)  
 ii. Briefly explain only five factors that had affected for digital divide in developing countries.(10 marks)

7. i. What is the difference between e-governance and e-government? (6 marks)
- ii. Explain (3) three main categories of government information clusters available for Sri Lankan citizens. (14 marks)
8. Write short notes on any four (4) of the following topics (5 marks each)
- i. Cyberspace
  - ii. Digital living
  - iii. Sustainable development goals
  - iv. Communities of practice
  - v. Unified theory of acceptance and use of technology
  - vi. Information poverty