



THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

DEGREE OF MASTER OF EDUCATION

FINAL EXAMINATION – 2023/2024

STP9812 – SOCIAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL FOUNDATIONS OF EDUCATION

DURATION – THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 15.08.2024

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Answer any four (03) questions.

01. i. Briefly define the concept of Socialization. (05 marks)
- ii. Critically discuss the differences in the role of the family as a primary socializing agent across family types. (10 marks)
- iii. Name **five (05)** socialization problems seen in school students and suggest measures a teacher can take to reduce one of them. (10 marks)
02. i. Briefly state **three (03)** social functions related to education. (05 marks)
- ii. Evaluate the Thirteen Years Guaranteed Education Programme as an attempt to link secondary education in Sri Lanka with the World of Work. (10 marks)
- iii. Analyze **five (05)** changes that should be made in the education system to reduce unemployment in Sri Lanka. (10 marks)
03. i. Explain the importance of education as an agent of social change. (05 marks)
- ii. Explain the concept of social mobility and examine whether education helps school students in Sri Lanka to achieve social mobility. (10 marks)
- iii. Examine up to **five (05)** challenges faced by Sri Lanka in providing equal education for all, and strategies that can be adopted to mitigate one of them. (10 marks)

04. i. Briefly explain the concepts of education and philosophy with an accepted definition. (05 marks)
- ii. Compare and discuss the ideas presented by Eastern and Western philosophers on educational objectives. (10 marks)
- iii. Describe **five (05)** actions that school teachers can adopt to develop values among school students. (10 marks)
05. i. Explain what is meant by political socialization. (05 marks)
- ii. Examine the relationship between education and human development with examples. (10 marks)
- iii. Investigate **five (05)** educational problems faced by lower social class students in Sri Lanka. (10 marks)
06. i. Explain John Dewey's main criticisms of the contemporary education system. (05 marks)
- ii. Examine the applicability of John Dewey's teaching methods in implementing authentic teaching method. (10 marks)
- iii. Name **five (05)** challenges faced by teachers in using those teaching methods in today's classroom and explain the measures that can be taken to mitigate one of them. (10 marks)

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