

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
 BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL 4
 FINAL EXAMINATION– 2023/2024 (II SEMESTER)
 DSU4354 – ECONOMY AND SOCIETY
 DURATION: THREE HOURS ONLY (3 HOURS)



Date: 11.08.2024

Time: 1.30p.m -4.30 p.m

Instructions

- Please answer 5 questions from the questions given below.
 - Each answer should be approximately 750 words in length
 - Illegible handwriting will be penalized.
01. Examine the relationship between the welfare state and neoliberal economic policies, using Sri Lanka as a case study.
 02. Under neoliberal economic policies, the privatization of state-owned enterprises in Sri Lanka has impacted access to essential services and socio-economic disparities. Do you agree with this statement? Analyze.
 03. Discuss how the economy and society interact, considering the current economic crisis in Sri Lanka.
 04. Analyze the impact of colonialism on the economy and society of Sri Lanka as a South Asian country, and its ongoing effects on the broader Asian region today.
 05. How applicable is Karl Marx's theory on the emergence of capitalism to the understanding of contemporary economic systems?
 06. Explore the connection between economic restructuring and social challenges in a country, discussing how government decisions, globalization, and socio-economic conditions influence the severity of these issues.
 07. Examine the socio-economic status of Sri Lanka's estate sector, considering its importance and challenges.
 08. Write short notes on any three(03) of the following topics
 - I. Esping Anderson's 3 'ideal types' of welfare state
 - II. Development of underdevelopment
 - III. Stigmatized lifestyle of the Free Trade Zone Workers
 - IV. Feudalism
 - V. Rethinking the meaning of labour

