

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
 BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – (2023/2024)
 FINAL EXAMINATION – LEVEL V (SEMESTER II)
 DSU5356 – ETHNICITY IN EVERYDAY LIFE



DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS)

Date: 2024.08.10

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Answer FIVE (05) questions only. Each question carries TWENTY (20) marks.

- 1) Are ethnicity and race two different concepts? Differentiate the two concepts from one another by citing the most appropriate examples from anywhere in the world.
- 2) Explain how the colonial classification of Sri Lankan people has contributed to Sri Lanka's current ethnic division.
- 3) Analyse how socio-cultural factors contribute to fostering harmony among the various ethnic groups in Sri Lanka.
- 4) Can the ethnic identity of a person or a group be permanent, or can it disappear over time? Discuss your answer with examples.
- 5) Explain the different theories and concepts that sociologists and other social scientists use to explain the formation of ethnic identity.
- 6) Can we consider food varieties and consumption patterns as ethnic boundary markers in today's world? Discuss.
- 7) Describe how shared religious sites and practices of worship complicate ideas that ethnic and religious identities are bounded.
- 8) "The politicization of ethnicity and ethnic relationships in the country was mitigated to some extent by the realization of realities in the wake of the country's economic bankruptcy." Critically analyse this statement.
- 9) Write short notes on any **FOUR (04)** of the following:
 - (i) The link between the ethnic background of voters and the forthcoming presidential election in Sri Lanka
 - (ii) Anthropologist Fredrik Barth
 - (iii) The link between the religion and ethnicity
 - (iv) Cyber ethnicity of Sri Lanka.
 - (v) Barriers to creating inclusive social identity as Sri Lankans
 - (vi) The Functionalist explanation of ethnic division

