

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
 BA IN YOUTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - LEVEL 04
 FINAL EXAMINATION – SEMESTER I - 2024/2025



DSU4263 - WORKING WITH YOUTH IN COMMUNITY AND ORGANIZATIONAL SETTINGS

DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS ONLY

Date: 30/03/2025

Time: 9.30 am – 12.30 pm

Instructions:

- Answer ONLY five (05) questions.
- Each question is worth twenty (20) marks.
- Please write clearly.

1.
 - a). What is an ecological model? (10 Marks)
 - b). How does the Ecological Model contribute to uplift the Community" in a comprehensive manner? (15 Marks)

2. What are the critical factors to consider in the Community Action Framework for Youth Development, and how do they influence effective youth engagement? Provide examples to support your explanation. (20 Marks)

3.
 - a) Why is a stable National Youth Policy essential for supporting sustainable youth development? (10 Marks)
 - b) What are the key sectors that should be incorporated in the National Youth Policy? (10 Marks)

4.
 - a). Explain the significance of the role played by the “family” with reference to empowering young people. (10 Marks)
 - b). Discuss the contribution made by the empowered youth resource in the field of community development? (10 Marks)

05. a). Discuss the four elements of the community as described by McMillan and Chavis.
(10 Marks)
- b). Discuss with relevant examples how those elements be observed in Sri Lankan society?
(10 Marks)
06. **"Youth Development Intervention Strategies are Essential for Understanding Youth and Community-Related Issues."**
- a) What are the key intervention strategies in youth development? (10 Marks)
- b) How do core concepts such as Relevance, Empowerment, and Equity contribute to the effectiveness of intervention strategies discussed above? (10 Marks)
07. **"Youth-Focused Institutions Aim to Deliver Quality Services for Youth with Special Needs"**
Explain five key factors affecting the quality-of-service delivery in youth-focused institutions, and how do they influence the outcomes? Provide examples to support your answer.
(20 Marks)
08. What is the role of 'Popular Theatre' in engaging youth for community development in the Sri Lankan context? Discuss its impact and effectiveness for the field of youth development.
(20 Marks)
09. Write short answers for any five (05) topics
- a) Asset Based Approach
 - b) Benefits of Youth Leadership Development
 - c) Youth Mainstreaming
 - d) Community Action Framework
 - e) Role of Youth Development Practitioners
 - f) Cross Generational Issues
 - g) Youth Advocacy
- (5x4 marks- 20 Marks)