

**THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES**  
**BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES - LEVEL 4**  
**FINAL EXAMINATION 2024/2025 (SEMESTER I)**  
**DSU4353 - KINSHIP, MARRIAGE, AND FAMILY**



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

**Date: 26<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**Time: 1.30 pm – 4.30 pm**

**Instructions:**

- Answer only **FIVE** (05) questions.
  - Each question carries equal marks (20 Marks).
  - Write legibly.
1. In Session Two, you studied 'kinship diagrams' through a self-learning activity. Based on your learning experience, answer the following questions.
    - a) Draw a kinship diagram of your family (include at least two generations) (05 Marks)
    - b) Based on the kinship diagram you drew, write a brief description on the nature of your kinship ties. (05 Marks)
    - c) Explain the important information related to your family and kinship relations that are revealed from the kinship diagram you drew (10 Marks).
  2. Discuss the influence of kinship relations in our human life cycle.
  3. Why is the incest taboo and rules of exogamy universal? Explain with examples from various cultures.
  4. Write an essay on how the Buddhist revival transformed marriage practices in Sri Lanka.
  5. Discuss the proposing and opposing views of functionalists and conflict theorists on the roles and functions that the family fulfils in society.
  6. Critically discuss the impact of New Reproductive Technologies on forming new forms of kinship relations.
  7. Critically discuss the influence of New Reproductive Technologies on women's agency.
  8. "Kinship systems are changing rapidly today". Discuss this statement in the context of modernity.
  9. Write short notes on ANY **FIVE** (05) the following topics.
    - a) Types of marriages
    - b) Types of Sinhala marriage
    - c) Rules of residence
    - d) Descent systems
    - e) Alliance theories
    - f) Nature Vs Nurture debate

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