

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL 5
FINAL EXAMINATION– 2024/2025 (SEMESTER I)
DSU5327- MEDIA AND DEMOCRACY
DURATION: THREE HOURS (3 HOURS)



Date: 5th April 2025

Time: 1.30am - 4.30pm

INSTRUCTIONS

- (a) Answer Five Questions only, giving equal status to your answers
(b) Each question carries 20 Marks. Be descriptive as possible

1. Media institutions in a free and open society, inspired by representative democracy should not allow themselves to be intimidated by anyone. Discuss
2. Protection of human rights should not be considered a matter of secondary importance, with rhetoric rooted in historical grievances and issues. Discuss
3. The Watch Dog Function of the Press is rendered meaningless, and even useless, in the absence of a courageous citizenry and a professional community of journalists. Explain why?
4. Democracies become functional only with pro-people legislation inspired by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Discuss.
5. Civil Society organizations cannot survive without purposeful connectivity with the people in social, economic, political and cultural sectors of life. Discuss.
6. The vernacular media should relate to the people with emphasis on progressive public policy reforms, mobilizing stakeholders to be progressive opinion leaders. Discuss
7. Post war reconciliation cannot be a magical outcome in our society without attitudinal transformation. What ideals and values should it propagate?
8. A vibrant, pulsating academic environment brimming with a diversity of ideas and ideals, is a fundamental need for a modern university. Discuss
9. Citizen Journalism should not use democratic freedom to destroy democracy. What in your opinion is the most sustainable solution in coping with social media users. Discuss.

*****Copyrights Reserved***