
THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES
2024/25 LEVEL 2: II SEMESTER
FINAL EXAMINATION
DSC2714 – FOUNDATION OF SOCIOLOGY



Date: 3rd August 2025

Time: 1.30 pm-4.30 pm

Read the Instructions carefully.

Duration: THREE (03 HOURS) ONLY

Answer FIVE (05) questions only:

01. What were the major social changes that influenced the development of sociology?
02. Explain how sociological imagination helps individuals to understand the link between personal experiences and larger social structures.
03. Describe the process of socialization and explain its significance in human development and society.
04. Explain the key steps involved in the sociological research process. Illustrate your answer with an example.
05. Discuss the strengths and limitations of quantitative and qualitative research methods in sociology. Provide examples to support your answer.
06. Discuss one of the following theoretical perspectives in sociology. In your answer, describe its main ideas, key thinkers, and how it helps explain social behavior. Use examples where appropriate.
 - a) Functionalist Perspective
 - b) Conflict Perspective
07. What is ethnocentrism? Give examples of how it manifest in society.
08. What is the difference between crime and deviance? Explain with examples.
09. Write short notes on any two (02) of the following
 - I. Social structure
 - II. Global Culture
 - III. Cultural relativism
 - IV. Emile Durkheim's study of suicide
 - V. Social stratification