

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
 BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL 4
 FINAL EXAMINATION– 2024/2025 (SEMESTER II)
 DSU4327 – APPRECIATION OF FILM AND THEATRE
 DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS)



Date: 24th August 2025

Time: 1.30pm - 4.30pm

Answer only FIVE (05) questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. From a Mass Communication point of view explain the meaning of communicating through film with historical, philosophical and practical examples where needed.
2. What does it mean to say that the cinema industry should be socially relevant to capture the imagination of the people. Discuss with examples.
3. Write an in-depth review of a film of your choice as a film critic.
4. Discuss the significance of the medium of film in influencing social system change.
5. Bertolt Brecht's concept of Epic Theatre can still be relevant for today's social context. Discuss
6. Cinema industry disseminates important social messages. Explain using appropriate examples.
7. Explain the dynamics relating to film genre, citing examples where needed.
8. Can theatre act as a mirror, reflecting societal flaws to bring forth positive change.
9. Write short notes on four (4) of the topics mentioned below:
 1. Significance of fairy tales
 2. Aesthetics of cinema
 3. Thomas Edison
 4. Lumiere brothers
 5. Theatre of cruelty of Antonin Artaud

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