



**THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES**  
**BA IN YOUTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – LEVEL 3**  
**FINAL EXAMINATION – SEMESTER II -2024/2025**  
**DSU3563 – MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS FOR YOUTH WORK**  
**DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS ONLY**

**Date : 16/08 /2025**

**Time : 9.30 a.m – 12.30 p.m**

**Instructions:**

- **Answer only FIVE (05) questions out of NINE (09).**
- **Each question is worth Twenty (20) marks.**
- **Please write clearly.**

1. As a Youth Development Officer, you are leading a one-year community skills development program to reduce youth unemployment.  
 Explain how you would apply the five functions of management planning, organizing, commanding, coordinating, and controlling to manage the program effectively. Use practical examples relevant to youth and community development.  
 (20 marks)
2. Discuss the importance of effective listening in youth leadership and how it contributes to building trust and rapport with young people.  
 (20 marks)
3. Critically evaluate how youth worker can apply time management and delegation to overcome challenges such as resource limitations and delay in project completions. Support your answer with examples.  
 (20 marks)
4. Describe the difference between personal morals and professional ethics. How do both influence leadership in youth work?  
 (20 marks)
5. Critically analyse how the concept of motivation helps youth work managers to perform their role more effectively. Use motivational theories and real-life examples in your answer.  
 (20 marks)

6. Choose any two leadership theories and discuss how they can be practically applied in leading a youth group or community project.  
(20 marks)
7. Identify a common problem in youth and community development and describe how you would solve it using a systematic approach.  
(20 marks)
8. Compare the roles of critical thinking and innovation in achieving long-term goals in youth leadership and community development.  
(20 marks)
9. Write short notes on any two (2) of the following topics:  
i. Strategic leadership style  
ii. Difference between a Group and a Team  
iii. Characteristics of creativity  
iv. Advantages and disadvantages of diversity  
v. Impact of different channels of communication  
(10 marks for each)

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