

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
 BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL IV
 FINAL EXAMINATION - 2018/2019
 SSU2123/ DSU 4323 – COMMUNICATION IN DISASTER MITIGATION
 DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS)



Date: 13th January 2019

Time: 1.30 pm - 4.30 pm

Answer five (5) Questions Only. Each Question Carries 20 Marks.

1. What are the lessons we could learn from serious manmade disasters encountered by Asian countries?
2. Natural disasters kill thousands of people and destroy billions of dollars of physical and natural resources. Discuss the challenges involved in mitigating them?
3. Write short notes on the following:
 - (a) Classification of disasters (4 marks)
 - (b) Terms related to disasters (4 marks)
 - (c) Disaster Alerts (4 marks)
 - (d) Disaster recovery (4 marks)
 - (e) Disaster Management software (4 marks)
4. What are the dos and don'ts for the public during a disaster?
5. How do you assess the behaviour of Sri Lankan media in general, in the aftermath of natural disasters?
6. How best can Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) be used for disaster management? Discuss.
7. Describe a few Sri Lankan programmes/ projects that greatly strengthen disaster management initiatives?
8. Who are the key players in disaster warning and related actions? Explain with examples.
9. What are the professional expectations concerning the role of media in disaster recovery?