

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA  
 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES  
 BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL V  
 FINAL EXAMINATION  
 DSU5353 – GENDER AND SOCIAL INQUIRY 2018/2019  
 DURATION: THREE HOURS (3 HOURS)



Date: 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Time: 09.30- 12.30

Answer five (05) questions ONLY. Each question carries 20 marks.  
 Write your answers clearly stating the question number.

1. 'Gender inequality is a universal phenomenon' Do you agree? Explain referring to established ideas and arguments.
2. Explain the idea of 'learning to be men and women' using any suitable conceptual framework.
3. Select one of the feminist schools of thought and comment on its relevance in understanding everyday gender relations in the social institution of family.
4. "The origin of the feminist movement in Sri Lanka is rooted in the context of global struggles for social equality and justice" Elucidate this statement.
5. Discuss the historical prevalence of gender taking any one of the arguments of your choice about the origin of sex(ual) and gender-based division of labour.
6. "Women's participation in work and employment is relatively unstable and vulnerable, and often situated within informal work." Analyse this idea.
7. Describe the 'Seven point Kinsey Scale'. What is its relevance to understanding the concept of gender and sexuality in everyday life?
8. Electronic and print media reports on incidents of violence against women in Sri Lanka projects a view of gender blindness and lack of gender awareness in its reportage. Do you agree?
9. Write short notes on any three of the following;
  - a) CEDAW
  - b) Gender bread person
  - c) Gayatri Chakravoty Spivak
  - d) Patriarchy
  - e) Gender equity