

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
 BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL 5
 FINAL EXAMINATION - 2018/2019
 DSU5327 - MEDIA AND DEMOCRACY



DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS)

Date : 27th January 2019

Time : 1.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

Instructions:

- Answer any five questions only.
- Each question carries 20 marks.

1. An intimidated mass media cannot serve the best interests of democracy. Discuss
2. Protection of human rights and related fundamental freedoms cannot be compromised if democracy is to be sustained. Discuss
3. Civil Society organizations should strive to link the masses with policy makers in the context of national development. Discuss.
4. The Watch Dog Function of the Press becomes an absolute myth in the absence of a community of independent journalists. Explain.
5. What are the culturally rooted constraints to Sri Lankan democracy? Discuss
6. The vernacular media should help to steer public reforms and lobby for new laws by mobilizing stakeholder communities. Discuss
7. Post war reconciliation can be advocated only within a body of values. Discuss.
8. Explain what is meant by a university as a democratic institution of student empowerment.
9. Citizen Journalism should serve the democratic system and not use democratic freedom to destroy democracy. Discuss.