THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL 5 (2006) FINAL EXAMINATION (2ND SEMESTER) CROSS CULTURAL COMMUNICATION – SSU 3203



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DURATION – THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 04th December 2006

Time: 9.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon

Answer five (05) questions including question No. (1). Each question carries 20 marks.

- 1. Insightfully discuss the importance of understanding Cross Cultural communication as an academic discipline.
- 2. (a) Explain what is meant by culture with reference to the evolutionary perspective.
 - (b) Explain how "Dominant" and "Sub-cultures" emerge in society.
- 3. Examine how the universal characteristics of culture influence communication.
- 4. What are the challenges in making sense of national integration in Sri Lanka? Discuss.
- 5. Discuss the significance of the concept of ethnocentrism and cultural relativism
- 6. "Peace and harmony are connected with the fundamental teachings of each religion". Discuss insightfully.
- 7. Briefly discuss two major types of social skills associated with communication competence.
- 8. The role of monastic institutions in any religion cannot be underestimated Discuss.
- 9. Write short notes on the following:
 - (i) Role of pilgrimage
 - (ii) Meditation
 - (iii) Cultural assimilation
 - (iv) Baptism in Christianity

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