

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL 4 (2006)
FINAL EXAMINATION (1ST SEMESTER)
APPLIED SOCIOLOGY – SSU 2207



DURATION – THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 26th November 2006

Time: 1.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Answer five (05) questions only. Each question carries 20 marks.

01. Describe the scope of Applied Sociology.
02. Examine the definition of Robert Merton on social problems with reference to a social problem that you prefer to discuss.
03. Discuss the relationship between tradition, modernity and ethnic conflict.
04. Analyse the concept of "the relevance of education" giving special attention to the Sri Lankan education system.
05. Identify the socio-economic problems associated with major irrigation schemes in Sri Lanka.
06. "Child abuse is the only form of family violence taking place in Sri Lanka." Critically assess this statement.
07. Analyse the concept of "urbanism as a way of life" introduced by Louis Wirth with reference to Sri Lanka.
08. Write short notes on any **four (04)** of the following themes.
 - (i) Engineering and Clinical approaches
 - (ii) Explanation of Modernisation theory on political violence
 - (iii) Ethnicity and Race
 - (iv) Causes behind the booming commercial sex industry
 - (v) Culture of poverty
 - (vi) Social disorganisation