

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL IV
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SSU 2207 - APPLIED SOCIOLOGY



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DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 04th October 2007

Time: 1.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

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

1. Describe the scope of Applied Sociology.
2. Examine the definition on social problems by Robert K. Merton.
3. Discuss two (02) theories on poverty paying special attention to similarities and differences between the two.
4. Discuss what is meant by equality of educational opportunity referring to the New Policy Framework on Grade One Admissions introduced by the Ministry of Education.
5. What are the causes of accelerated political violence in Sri Lanka? Explain them using sociological theories.
6. Describe the key elements of a Social Impact Assessment (SIA) and Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) giving examples.
7. Assess the effectiveness of major irrigation schemes as a means for development of Sri Lanka.
8. Is prostitution an urban phenomenon? Argue using conceptual and theoretical explanations that you are familiar with.
9. Write short notes on any four (04) of the following
 - (a) Engineering and clinical approach
 - (b) Poverty alleviation policies in Sri Lanka
 - (c) Racial theory
 - (d) Modernisation and the proliferation of the ethnic conflict
 - (e) Solid waste disposal as a social problem
 - (f) Urbanisation as a way of living