

**THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL 5
FINAL EXAMINATION - 2007/2008
SSU 3209 - GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT**



DURATION – THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 05th October 2008

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

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

1. Explain what is meant by gender difference. Explain with the help of different theories on Gender.
2. “Women are exploited in a Liberal Market Economy”. Discuss with reference to Sri Lanka.
3. Traditional ideas about gender negatively influence women from maximizing the potential of equal participation in work life. Explain with reference to Sri Lanka.
4. How can modern mass media help in improving the traditional perceptions on women? Discuss.
5. Sri Lankan laws reflect patriarchal attitudes of society. Discuss with reference to the status of the girl child.
6. Describe aspects of the legal system which are (a) advantageous (b) disadvantageous to the role of women in Sri Lankan society
7. Discuss the status of Gender Violence in Sri Lanka and evaluate the usefulness of the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act of 1995.
8. What are the scientific approaches to “Women in Development”? Has the newer approach known as GAD been helpful in promoting gender empowerment in Sri Lanka?
9. Assess the impact of development projects vs. women’s participation in low income employment in Sri Lanka.