

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES  
BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL IV  
FINAL EXAMINATION 2007/2008  
SSU 2207 – APPLIED SOCIOLOGY



**DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS**

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**Date: 21<sup>st</sup> September 2008**

**Time: 1.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.**

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

1. Describe the scope of Applied Sociology, with examples.
2. Discuss the key attributes of a social problem with reference to Sri Lankan society.
3. Examine the relevance of “System Blame Approach” in understanding social problems in Sri Lanka.
4. Discuss the effectiveness of anti-poverty programmes on poverty reduction efforts in Sri Lanka.
5. “Delinquency is a learned behavior”. Do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer with suitable examples.
6. Critically discuss the impact of modernization on the proliferation of the ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka.
7. Describe the factors associated with the escalation of family violence in Sri Lanka.
8. In what ways can an Applied Sociologist contribute in the development process of Sri Lanka? Discuss.
9. Write short notes on any **four (04)** of the following:
  - (i) White collar crime
  - (ii) Theory of Anomie
  - (iii) Ethnicity and race
  - (iv) Absolute poverty and relative poverty
  - (v) Ethnic polarization
  - (vi) Engineering and Clinical Approaches