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 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
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 SSU 2207 – APPLIED SOCIOLOGY



DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 14th June 2009

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

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

1. (i) Define the concept of poverty.
 (ii) "The poor are poor due to a culture of their own." Examine this statement using examples from the Sri Lankan context.
2. (i) How do you define the term "ethnicity"?
 (ii) "Can ethnicity be regarded as an element that leads to social disintegration in a society?" Explain your answer using examples.
3. Critically discuss the impact of environmental issues on human wellbeing.
4. (i) What are the causes associated with family violence in Sri Lanka? Describe.
 (ii) Discuss the impact of family violence on children.
5. (i) State the reasons for the escalation of political violence in Sri Lanka.
 (ii) Critically discuss the trend of political violence in Sri Lanka by taking appropriate theoretical frameworks into consideration.
6. "Is urbanization a process of social development?" Discuss.
7. Examine the relevance of the existing education system to Sri Lankan society and culture.
8. Write short notes on any **four 04** of the following.
 - (i) Difference between pure research and applied research
 - (ii) The system blame approach
 - (iii) Relative poverty and absolute poverty
 - (iv) Frustration-Aggression Hypotheses
 - (v) Suicide as a social problem
 - (vi) Manifest and latent functions
 - (vii) Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) or Social Impact Assessments (SIA)