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 BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL III  
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 SSU 1205 – INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

**DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS**

**Date: 14<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

**Time: 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.**

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

1. Explain the socio-economic conditions that led to the creation of a new discipline called Sociology.
2. Describe the differences between Sociology and three other social sciences of your choice.
3. Compare and contrast the approaches of Auguste Comte, Herbert Spencer, and Emile Durkheim to the concept of social change
4. Explain the significance of sociological theoretical perspectives. Discuss two (02) of them paying special attention to their strengths and limitations.
5. Can we describe Sociology as a scientific study of society? Discuss using examples.
6. Describe the relationship between the concepts of marriage, family and kinship using examples from Sri Lankan society.
7. "The role of the family as an agent of socialization has declined". Discuss with examples.
8. What are the forms of social control present in Sri Lankan society? Explain with examples.
9. Write short notes on any four (04) of the following.
  - (i) Social movements
  - (ii) Theories of deviance
  - (iii) Social action and interaction
  - (iv) Observation
  - (v) Socialisation
  - (vi) Incest taboos
  - (vii) Subculture and counter culture