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 SSU 3208 - MODERN ORGANISATIONS & SOCIAL MOVEMENTS



DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2010

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

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

1. Formal organisations are different from primary groups and social movements. Discuss with reference to characteristics of organisations.
2. Give the differences and similarities of the Typologies discussed in the Text book on the basis of
  - (a) Function
  - (b) Profit
  - (c) Product or service
  - (d) Power
3. Discuss the characteristics of the Natural Systems or the Technological Perspective from among the Traditional views.
4. Describe the characteristics of Bureaucracy/Rational perspectives following Max Weber's contribution to the same.
5. Social movements can be classified as backward and forward looking (Wolf 1966). Make a critical assessment of the JVP/LTTE in relation to this definition.
6. Examine N. Raby's approach to Kachcheri/Traditional Bureaucracy in Sri Lanka.
7. What are the major determinants of Organisation Structure namely Size, Technology and Environment? Which independent variable seems most relevant for explaining the differences among organisation structures?
8. Write short notes on any **four (04)** of the following.
  - (i) Job satisfaction and work motivation
  - (ii) Charles Tilly's theory of protest
  - (iii) Variation in social movements
  - (iv) The Population-ecology perspective
  - (v) Bureaucracy and politics in Sri Lanka
  - (vi) The Hawthorne studies and resultant consequences
  - (vii) Character of the Civil Rights Movement