

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
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 FINAL EXAMINATION – 2010
 SSU 3203 - CROSS CULTURAL COMMUNICATION



DURATION – THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 16th October 2010

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

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

1. A free society demands that people have access to different cultural products. Discuss its significance to Sri Lanka.
2. What the Noble Eight Fold Path conveys, should be understood with sufficient spiritual depth if there is to be a qualitative difference in the behaviour of those who believe. Discuss.
3. A culture that is anti-establishment should not be considered harmful to society. Critically discuss.
4. Modernization does not mean total elimination of the way of life of traditional people or imposing the will of the majority on minority groups. Discuss.
5. Explain the significance of some of the scholarly perspectives of culture that help us to understand our society better.
6. Christianity as a way of life relates to the need to accept Gods plan and purpose as what is best for man. Explain what this means.
7. Explain the standards set by the Qur'an concerning the obligations of husbands and wives with regard to children, inheritance and divorce. Discuss.
8. Cultural assimilation takes place meaningfully if there is respect for equality between people. Discuss with reference to post-war Sri Lanka.
9. Write short notes on the following:
 - (i) Forms of pooja in the context of Buddhism
 - (ii) Traditional Sinhalese village life
 - (iii) Polygamy in the context of Islam
 - (iv) Communication competence in a multicultural society