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SSU 2207 – APPLIED SOCIOLOGY



DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 26th June 2010

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

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

1. Explain the scope of Applied Sociology with special reference to the context of Sri Lanka.
2.
 - a. What is a social problem? Explain
 - b. Compare the basic approaches to study social problems.
 - c. Is there a relationship between social problems and moral principles? Explain briefly giving examples
3. "Ethnicity is a force that can build and strengthen group identities, communities and nations. However, it also can be a force that can destroy communities" Explain this statement with examples.
4. What are the key environmental issues in Sri Lanka? Explain your strategies to overcome such issues.
5. What are the main types of family violence that could be observed in Sri Lanka? Explain the factors contributing to family violence in our society.
6. What are the macro level social, economic, and political transformations responsible for increasing suicide rates in Sri Lanka?
7. Define the concept of Urbanism and explain social problems associated with urbanism in Sri Lanka.

8. a. Is prostitution an urban phenomenon?
b. How does commercial sex work become a social problem?
c. Argue using conceptual and theoretical explanation that you are familiar with.
9. Write short notes on any **four (04)** of the following
- a. Measurements of poverty
 - b. Crime and poverty
 - c. Pluralism
 - d. Racial theory
 - e. Ethnic co-existence
 - f. A major problem with the educational system in Sri Lanka

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