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SSU 2207 – APPLIED SOCIOLOGY



DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 19th June 2011

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

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

1. Discuss the effects of urbanization on social change in the context of Sri Lanka.
2. Critically discuss the social impact of prostitution in a Sociological perspective.
3. Describe the role of Sociologists in the re-settlement process of Internally Displaced People (IDP) in Sri Lanka.
4. Critically discuss the applicability of 'Culture of Poverty' thesis of Oscar Levis in understanding poverty situation in the context of Sri Lanka.
5. Critically discuss the changing dimensions of political violence in Sri Lanka using appropriate Sociological perspectives.
6. What are the socio-economic problems encountered by the generations of settlers in major irrigation schemes in Sri Lanka.
7. Why do youth commit suicide? Critically discuss the determinants of self-harm among the Sri Lankan youth.
8. Write short notes on any **four (4)** of the following themes.
 - (i) Underage marriages
 - (ii) Cyber crimes
 - (iii) Relative Deprivation Theory
 - (iv) Frustration-Aggression Hypothesis
 - (v) Engineering Approach and Clinical Approach
 - (vi) Multiculturalism

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