



**THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – (2013/2014)
FINAL EXAMINATION - LEVEL IV (SEMESTER I)
SSU2207 – APPLIED SOCIOLOGY**

DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS)

Date: 24.11.2013

Time: 01.30 p.m. – 04.30 p.m.

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

1. Evaluate the scope of Applied Sociology taking the Sri Lankan social context into consideration.
2. Examine the key dynamics that determine parameters of a social problem. What in your opinion are most significant in defining a social problem?
3. 'Nationalist cultural values are a constant negative on the situation of ethnic conflicts in Sri Lanka'. Do you agree?
4. 'Commercial sex work is a social problem in Sri Lanka'. Argue this statement with evidence and examples.
5. 'Poverty is a result of the economic arrangements and social relationships that determine the distribution of material resources and power rather than an issue of individual values and life styles'. Critically analyze this statement.
6. Explore the role and the responses of the criminal justice system in Sri Lanka within the present situation of sky rocketing criminal activity.
7. Discuss the factors that have hindered the achievement of equality of opportunity in education to the disadvantaged segments in society.
8. 'Legitimized State suppression of opposition has become a common feature of political practice in the third world'. Discuss effective means of responding to this situation.
9. Write short notes on **any three (03)** of the following,
 - a) Modernization and ethnic conflict
 - b) Culture of poverty
 - c) J. Curve theory
 - d) Environmental Impact Assessment
 - e) Irrigation schemes