

**THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA  
BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL 5 (2012)  
FINAL EXAMINATION (SEMESTER II)  
GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT – SSU3209**



**DURATION – THREE (03) HOURS**

**Date: 09<sup>th</sup> March 2013**

**Time: 09.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.**

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

1. Why is it important to understand society through the gender perspective? Analyze in terms of the manifestation of gendered inequality in society.
2. What is the role of media and literary sources in shaping our gender thoughts, aspirations and behavior? Examine giving examples of media and literary sources.
3. What are the gender and development theories that you know of? Discuss referring to their unique features, focus as well as limitations **OR** Assess the development theories on women and gender comparing their differences and similarities.
4. Are we sufficiently equipped within the Sri Lankan legal system to address the legal needs of women and children? Critically evaluate referring to factual evidence.
5. “The rising incidence of violence against women is traditionally regarded a problem of the victim rather than the perpetrator”. Critically examine this statement.
6. What are the key international landmark events that contributed towards the upliftment of women’s position in society? Emphasize their importance and influence in the Sri Lankan context.
7. Evaluate the practice of gender planning procedures considering the key development programmes, their activities, goals and the implementation processes in Sri Lanka.
8. Analyze the situation of ‘gendered work’ with special emphasis on the Sri Lankan context focusing on the factors that undermine the economic outputs of women while ensuring male privilege.
9. Write short notes on any **three (03)** of the following;
  - a) WID (Women in Development) approach
  - b) Distributive and relational distributions
  - c) Practical and Strategic needs
  - d) Components of a planning practice
  - e) UN Decade for Women 1976-1985