

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL 5 (2012)
FINAL EXAMINATION (SEMESTER II)
MODERN ORGANIZATIONS AND SOCIAL MOVEMENTS – SSU3208



DURATION – THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 09th March 2013

Time: 09.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

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

1. Using Sri Lankan examples, discuss the six (6) contextual factors identified by Neil J. Smelser that influence the cause and development of social movements.
2. Discuss the differences between Sri Lanka's colonial bureaucracy and post-independence bureaucracy with reference to organization, decision making and ethnic composition.
3. What is organizational climate? How does the organizational climate affect work motivation?
4. Describe the ways in which Kachcheri bureaucracy in Sri Lanka is influenced by the norms of the community, as discussed by N. Raby.
5. Critically evaluate Max Weber's Ideal Type of Bureaucracy. Assess its relevance to Sri Lankan organizations.
6. "Human relations perspective emerged in response to the limitations in scientific management". Do you agree with this statement? Justify your answer.
7. Discuss the ways in which the external environment impacts on the structure of an organization.
8. Assess the role of leadership in social movements with reference to the Sarvodaya Movement.
9. Write short notes on any four (04) of the following:
 - a. Organizational Typologies
 - b. Social movements as reactive agents
 - c. Natural system perspective in organizational analysis
 - d. Backward looking and Forward looking social movements
 - e. Impact of the Civil Rights Movement in the USA
 - f. Politicization of bureaucracy in Sri Lanka
 - g. Technology and organizational structure