

**THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRILANKA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES**  
**BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL IV**  
**FINAL EXAMINATION - 2014/2015**  
**SSU2207 – APPLIED SOCIOLOGY**



**DURATION: THREE HOURS (3 HOURS)**

**Date: 08<sup>th</sup> November 2014**

**Time: 01.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.**

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

1. Examine the relevance of 'the scope of Applied Sociology' within the Sri Lankan social context, giving examples.
2. Evaluate ways in which the Social Impact Assessment process will contribute to the success of the project considering one of the major development projects in Sri Lanka.
3. What are the problems and issues associated with land use and tenure in the irrigation schemes and settlements in Sri Lanka? Discuss public and government initiatives taken to resolve these.
4. What is a social problem? What aspects would you consider most significant in defining a social problem?
5. The rates of suicide in Sri Lanka are on the increase once again. How would you explain this situation from an Applied Sociologists' point of view?
6. Examine the strong prevalence of 'legitimised state suppression' within the broad context of political violence in Sri Lanka.
7. What are the recent government initiatives to promote equality of educational opportunity in Sri Lanka? Assess the impact of such effort on the masses.
8. Describe theories that focus on interpersonal violence. Analyse the relevance of any two of these taking a specific practical context of violence in society into consideration.
9. Write short notes on **any three (03)** of the following,
 

a) Aggression and frustration theory	b) The role of the social reformer
c) Ethnic co-existence	d) Marxist thesis on poverty
e) Ethnicity and nationalism	