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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – (2014/2015)
FINAL EXAMINATION - LEVEL IV (SEMESTER II)
SSU2209 – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS)

Date: 14.03.2015

Time: 1.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

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

1. Do you think that ecological factors were influential in shaping Sri Lankan society and culture? Discuss referring to relevant examples.
2. Some believe that Sri Lanka had a glorious socio-cultural history prior to western colonisation. Do you think so? Argue.
3. Discuss the economic system of the Kandyan kingdom before British rule. Was it an economy that gave benefit to everyone in the society?
4. "Traditional Sri Lankan society pays great respect for mothers which symbolise fair treatment for women". Critically assess this statement paying special attention on gender relations in traditional Sri Lankan society.
5. We hear that politicians frequently say that "Sri Lanka is a multi-ethnic and multi-religious country". How do you comprehend the multi-cultural and multi-cultural nature of the country? Explain.
6. What are the similarities and differences between the Sinhala and Tamil caste systems? Write a detailed note.
7. "Today, it is very difficult to collect people for common activities even in rural areas. But in the good old days they all came for community work". Discuss this statement with special attention to people's participation in community development in Sri Lanka.
8. How do you assess the contribution of local and international Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) in the community development field in Sri Lanka? Explain with relevant examples.
9. Write short notes on any **four (4)** of the following:
 - (i) Impacts of Portuguese rule to Sri Lankan society.
 - (ii) Political violence and ethnic relations.
 - (iii) Sub-cultures in Sri Lanka.
 - (iv) Economic liberalisation and class formation in Sri Lanka.
 - (v) Relations between the Muslims and Tamils in Sri Lanka.
 - (vi) The NGOs and alleged international conspiracies.
 - (vii) The Mahaweli Development Project.
 - (viii) The politics of post-independent Sri Lanka.