

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRILANKA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL V
FINAL EXAMINATION
SSU 3209 – GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT 2014/2015



DURATION: THREE HOURS (3 HOURS)

Date: 14th March 2015

Time: 9.30 a.m – 12.30 p.m

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

1. Discuss the importance of understanding gender issues in society giving examples.
2. How does culture and media shape the construction and manifestation of unequal gender relations? Examine with special focus on Sri Lanka.
3. How do people acquire 'feminine and masculine identities'? Explain using any relevant conceptual frame work.
4. What specific gender issues are prevalent in the work place? Discuss considering possible factors of their formation.
5. Examine the relevance of development theories on women to the development discourse. Can these exist mutually in developing countries?
6. The Sri Lankan minister of Child Development and Women's Affairs in April 2014 publicly stated that 'proposals on new laws to respond to the large growing number of rape cases will ensure that the rapists are bound by law to marry the victims with their lawful consent'. As a student of the Gender Studies course, how would you respond to this statement?
7. 'Gender-based violence is largely perpetrated by those men and women who have been exposed to such as children, especially within their own family situations'. Do you agree? Discuss.
8. Explain the characteristics of a planning tradition and the importance of their institutionalization within the organization.
9. Write short notes on any three of the following;
 - a) WID
 - b) Gender awareness
 - c) GAD tools
 - d) CEDAW 1979
 - e) Gender discrimination