

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA  
 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES  
 BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES  
 FINAL EXAMINATION – LEVEL 5 (1<sup>ST</sup> SEMESTER)  
 SSU3241: GENDER POLITICS



DURATION: THREE HOUR (3 HOURS)

Date: 08.11.2016

Time: 9.30 am - 12.30 pm

*Instructions:*

- *Answer Four Questions Only*
- *Read the questions very carefully and use examples where necessary to illustrate your answer.*
- *Please write in legible handwriting*
- *All questions carry equal marks (25 Marks each). Question 09 will carry 6.25 marks each.*

- 1) Briefly explain the four approaches to study **Gender and Politics**.
- 2) The first wave of Feminism was geared towards achieving equality for women while in the second wave of feminism the main question was 'why women are still subordinated'. Analytically discuss this statement.
- 3) Discuss the proposals presented by Feminist to ensure greater Women's Political Participation in Sri Lanka.
- 4) Answer **both** questions
  - (1) Discuss the role played by **kinship** and **quotas and reservations** as pathways for women's political leadership.
  - (2) Analytically discuss the question of the nature and quality of women's leadership
- 5) Discuss the three key theoretical debates about **Women and Gender in Development**.
- 6) Discuss the three following approaches of Ecofeminism with examples.
  - (i) Cultural Ecofeminism
  - (ii) Spiritual Ecofeminism
  - (iii) Transformative Ecofeminism
- 7) Discuss the role of women depicted in Sri Lankan Cinema as identified by Sunila Abeyasekera
- 8) Analytically discuss the economic role played by **women in Globalization**.

- 9) Write short notes on **any four** of the following - (marks 6.25 x4)
- (i) 'Women's wings' in political parties
  - (ii) Violence against women
  - (iii) CEDAW
  - (iv) Women as protesters in Sri Lanka
  - (v) The concept Ecofeminism
  - (vi) Women in left politics in Sri Lanka

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