



THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
CERTIFICATE COURSE IN INDUSTRIAL ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS
FINAL EXAMINATION – 2007
MPI 2204 – SOCIAL ISSUES OF INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES
DURATION: TWO HOURS

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Date: 30th April 2008

Time: 13.30hr. – 15.30 hr.

Please answer any three (03) questions

1. Marx put out the thesis that the development of the productive forces in a society brought about sudden social changes. How true is this of the process of Industrialization?
2. The world is now faced with a number of environmental problems. Would these natural problems have occurred if the Industrial revolution had not occurred? Give reasons for your answer.
3. How has the modern factory affected the way humans work? Compare and contrast with a farmer's life.
4. Outline the strength and weaknesses of a Trade Union. If a Trade Union existed at your work place, would you join it?
5. Human productivity has increased several times, yet people are asked to work longer hours. Give your reasons to explain this apparent paradox.