

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
 BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL V (2017/2018)
 FINAL EXAMINATION
 DSU5352 SOCIAL THEORY



DURATION – Three (03) HOURS

Date: 12th May 2018

Time: 9.30 am to 12.30 pm, . . .

Instructions:

Answer FIVE (05) questions only. Each answer carries equal marks.

1. “As a critique of capitalism, Frankfurt School had a completely different perspective than Marxism”. Discuss this statement with reference to the work of Horkheimer, Adorno and Marcuse.
2. What does “studying a social phenomenon as a structure” mean? Explain with reference to Levi-Strauss’ structuralism.
3. How does poststructuralism view social reality? Explain with reference to a poststructuralist discussed in the course material.
4. “Habitus is determined by the amount of capital an individual possesses”. Discuss this statement with reference to Bourdieu’s analysis of class.
5. Discuss Mead’s idea of how “self” is developed through social interaction. What are the weaknesses in his analysis?
6. Discuss Geertz’s contribution to interpretive anthropology with reference to the study on the Balinese cock fight.
7. What is Habermas’ concept of “technocratic consciousness”? Do you think this idea is applicable to contemporary Sri Lankan society?
8. Describe the theory of structuration and analyse the behaviour of students at OUSL through this perspective.
9. Write short notes on any four (04)
 - a) Radical feminist theory
 - b) Interactionism and role-taking
 - c) Public sphere
 - d) Symbolic violence
 - e) Standpoint theory
 - f) Symbolic interactionism

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 SSU3154/DSU5354 - HEALTH AND SOCIETY



DURATION – Three (03) HOURS

Date: 02nd June 2018

Time: 9.30 am to 12.30 pm

Instructions:

Answer FIVE (05) questions only. Each answer carries equal marks.

- 1) “Meaning of health depends on how various cultures and traditions interpret it”
Explain this statement with examples. (20 Marks)
- 2) “Biomedical model is not sufficient to understand health fully” Critically examine
this statement. (20 Marks)
- 3) “Sri Lanka maintains a pluralistic health care service with multiple-sectoral service
providers”: Critically discuss with examples. (20 Marks)
- 4) Examine the impact of social inequality on health care delivery in Sri Lanka.
(20 Marks)
- 5) Critically analyse the challenges associated with health care financing in Sri Lanka.
(20 Marks)
- 6) Using appropriate Sociological perspectives, explain the advantages and negative
consequences of using modern medical technology in health care. (20 Marks)
- 7) Describe the major ethically challenging situations encountered in the contemporary
health care system in Sri Lanka. (20 Marks)
- 8) In your opinion, what is the contribution a Sociologist can make in health care?
(20 Marks)
- 9) Write short notes on any **four (04)** of the following topics (5X4 = 20 Marks)
 - a) Five characteristics of the Biomedical Model of Health.
 - b) Non Communicable Deceases (NCD)
 - c) Medical paternalism
 - d) Universal Health Care System (UHC)
 - e) Brain–drain of health professionals
 - f) Social Determinants of Health (SDH)