

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA  
 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES  
 BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – (2017/2018)  
 FINAL EXAMINATION – LEVEL V (SEMESTER II)  
 DSU5356/SSU3156 – ETHNICITY IN EVERYDAY LIFE



DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS)

Date: 27.05.2018

Time: 1.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

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

1. How can be the Sociological and Anthropological approaches on ethnicity and ethnic differences be different from that of Political Science? Discuss.
2. Describe the ways and means of how various historical forces shaped ethnicities in Sri Lanka or any selected country of your choice.
3. Explain the shape of everyday ethnicity and violence with reference to the *watta* (shanty) community.
4. Suppose you are appointed by the government of Sri Lanka to discuss with the so called "Tamil diaspora community" to draft a new constitution for Sri Lanka aiming to solving ethnic tensions and conflict in Sri Lanka. Describe the major points that you would include in the agenda.
5. Explain the usefulness of the constructivist approach in describing ethnicity and ethnic relations of any given society.
6. Make a list of possible reasons for the disappearance of some ethnic groups. Discuss THREE (03) reasons indicated in your list citing relevant examples.
7. Discuss the explanation of Darini Rajasingham-Senanayake on mixing and hybridity of different ethno-linguistics and caste communities in relation to Vanni border regions.
8. What is the link between ethnic relations and the shape of social harmony of any society? Explain.
9. Write short notes on any **FOUR (04)** of the following:
  - (i) Ethnic pluralism in Sri Lanka
  - (ii) Commemorating deaths of relatives in the war by Sri Lankan Tamils
  - (iii) Multi-culturalism in the northern and eastern provinces
  - (iv) Galebandara cult and ethno-religious divisions
  - (v) The instrumentalist approach to ethnic identity
  - (vi) Food consumption pattern and ethnic boundary makings
  - (vii) Ethno-religious nationalism

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