

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
 BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – (2017/2018)
 FINAL EXAMINATION - LEVEL III (SEMESTER II)
 SSU1252 / DSU3552 – UNDERSTANDING SRI LANKAN SOCIETY & CULTURE
 DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS)



Date: 19.05.2018

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

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

1. Discuss similarities and differences between the caste and class systems in Sri Lanka. Refer to relevant examples in the discussion.
2. Sri Lanka is known as a country that follows Theravada Buddhism; in such a context why do Sociologists and Anthropologists discuss about Sinhalese Buddhism? Explain what is Sinhalese Buddhism.
3. Describe the development of Hindu and Muslim revival movements and the expansion of respective nationalisms.
4. Why should women be given special attention in designing and implementing the development process of Sri Lanka? Argue.
5. Compare and contrast religious syncretism and religious pluralism.
6. Make a list of features of a militarised society and write short notes on any three (03) of the selected features in your list.
7. Describe occasions which created refugees and internally and internationally displaced people throughout the history of Sri Lanka.
8. Make an assessment of Daya Somasunderam's identification of collective trauma as "a loss of communality" and the destruction of the "social fabric".
9. Write short notes on any FOUR (04) of the following:
 - (i) Women migration and impact on Sri Lankan society and culture
 - (ii) Youth protests and rioting in Sri Lanka
 - (iii) The marriage systems among Sinhalese, Tamils and Muslims in Sri Lanka.
 - (iv) Tigerism and militarisation
 - (v) Lajja (shame) and baya (fear) as a social control mechanism
 - (vi) Religious nationalism in Sri Lanka
 - (vii) Agrarian society vs. industrial society