

**THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL IV (2017/2018)
FINAL EXAMINATION–SECOND SEMESTER
SSU 2154/DSU4354 ECONOMY AND SOCIETY**



DURATION – THREE HOURS

Date: 19th May 2018

Time: 1.30 pm to 4.30pm

Instructions:

- Please answer five (5) questions only.
 - Each answer will be marked out of twenty (20) marks.
1. “Concepts such as economy and society are ahistorical and can be defined authoritatively”. Do you agree or disagree? Please explain your position.
 2. Discuss the contribution of Marx and Weber, to our understanding of class and caste.
 3. Describe the role of colonialism in Sri Lanka’s shift from feudalism to the modern capitalist system.
 4. Should household work (cleaning, cooking, caring for children and the elderly) be recognised as productive work? Discuss your views taking into consideration the conventional division of labour between the public and private spheres.
 5. “The emergence of anti-minority, nationalist movements around the globe reflects the crisis of neoliberalism”. Discuss using relevant examples.
 6. Discuss the economic pressures faced by Sri Lanka in terms of the economy during the period 1948 to 1977.
 7. “The withdrawal of the military from beautification of Colombo has intensified the garbage problem in the city”. Discuss.
 8. “The contribution of women to the economy of Sri Lanka is underestimated”. Imagine that you have been asked to make a speech on this topic to the Sri Lankan parliament and write your speech.
 9. Discuss the differences between the formal and informal employment sectors. What are the risks to those working in the informal sector?
 10. Write short notes on four (4) of the following:

- a. Female employment in the Free Trade Zones
- b. Primitive accumulation
- c. The meaning of imperialism
- d. Individualisation
- e. An example of a liberal welfare state

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Date: 19.05.2018

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

1. Is there a link between politics and social movements? Discuss quoting relevant examples.
2. "Sri Lankan politicians exploit human suffering to gain political mileages in their party politics" Argue.
3. Why is it assumed by some that Sri Lankan women are more concerned with domestic matters than engaging in public or political activities? Explain.
4. In today's context people engage in more and more online political and social campaigns, online petition signing, protesting or resisting against state policies, etc., Compare and contrast the similarities and differences between conventional mode of campaigning and online campaigning.
5. Discuss the connection between religion and party politics in Sri Lanka. You can take examples from any religion in the discussion.
6. Do social movements form social organisations or Social organisations form social movements? Debate.
7. "The only way out of the Sri Lankan ethnic problem is introducing a new constitution for the country." Do you agree with this statement? Discuss.
8. Describe the contribution of labour or social movements in improving socio-economic conditions of the plantation Tamil community of Sri Lanka.
9. Write short notes on any **Four (4)** of the following:
 - (i) Give a very brief note on any selected social movement in Lanka.
 - (ii) The political culture of Sri Lanka.
 - (iii) Women in Sri Lankan labour movements.
 - (iv) Sri Lankan diaspora in western countries.
 - (v) The benefit of having SLFP and UNP led coalition government in Sri Lanka.
 - (vi) The role of the opposition in Sri Lankan parliament.
 - (vii) Professional power in forming powerful social movements.