

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
 BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES
 LEVEL V (SEMESTER II) – 2017/2018
 FINAL EXAMINATION
 DSU5342/SSU3142 –CONFLICT RESOLUTION AND PEACEBUILDING



DURATION: THREE (3) HOURS ONLY

Date: 03 June 2018

Time: 09.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Instructions

- **Answer FIVE questions only.**
 - **Each question carries equal marks.**
 - **Using examples where necessary will be rewarded more marks.**
 - **Please write in legible handwriting**
1. Identify the concept of protracted social conflict by using the Sri Lankan conflict as an example.
 2. Discuss the worldwide conflict trends by providing examples.
 3. Examine the historical factors which led to the ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka.
 4. “Peacebuilding programmes rooted in grass root communities and involving multiple local stakeholders have higher chances of critically understanding reasons of violence and injustice”. Analytically discuss this statement.
 5. Describe the concept of reconciliation by providing examples.
 6. Discuss the role of international mediation by either looking at the case study of Nepal or Northern Ireland.
 7. “External actors could facilitate communication and build trust between the main parties to a conflict.” Discuss this statement.
 8. Is the concept of humanitarian intervention a valid concept in the current world? Analytically discuss your answer.
 9. Analytically discuss the role of truth commissions with examples.
 10. Write short notes on two of the following (10 marks X 2)
 - (i) Conflict management and conflict transformation
 - (ii) The Parthasarathy formula.
 - (iii) Reasons why peace often fails.
 - (iv) The covert involvement of India in Sri Lanka’s conflict.