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 SSU3153 – GENDER AND SOCIAL INQUIRY 2016/2017
 DURATION: THREE HOURS (3 HOURS)



Date: 09th November 2016

Time: 9.30 to 12.30

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

1. 'Gender inequality is a universal phenomenon' Do you agree or disagree? Explain referring to established ideas and arguments.
2. How does culture and media shape the construction of unequal gender relations and gender stereotypes? Examine with special focus on Sri Lanka.
3. How do people acquire 'gender roles and statuses'? Explain using a relevant conceptual frame work.
4. Explain the origins of the feminist movement and its relevance to the feminist movement in Sri Lanka.
5. What are feminist theories? Select one and comment on its validity and relevance in understanding everyday gender relations in the workplace.
6. "Only urban schools and those administered by either missionaries or other educators with western influence included physical education, games and dancing as part of the curricula or as leisure activities. Women outside missionary schools were not entitled to participate in the sports described above" (Nanayakkara, 2011:150). Critically evaluate this statement.
7. 'The use of gender-based violence is largely perpetrated by those men and women who have been exposed to such as children especially within their own family situations'. Do you agree? Discuss your position.
8. How are inter-linkages between sexuality and gender formed? Reflect citing examples.

9. Write short notes on any three of the following;

- a) Gender awareness
- b) Gender discrimination
- c) Gender equity
- d) The Subaltern Voice
- e) Judith Butler

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