

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA  
 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES  
 BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – (2015/2016)  
 FINAL EXAMINATION - LEVEL III (SEMESTER II)  
 SSU1252 – UNDERSTANDING SRI LANKAN SOCIETY & CULTURE  
 DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS)



Date: 27.03.2016

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

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

1. There are many politicians, community leaders and artists who discuss and also actively engage in addressing various socio-economic issues of Sri Lanka. In such a context why should students of Sociology study Sri Lankan society and culture? Explain.
2. "In today's Sri Lankan society, social class is playing a very significant role than the caste." Do you agree with this statement? Discuss.
3. Is Sinhalese Buddhism another name for Theravada Buddhism? Discuss with reference to relevant examples.
4. Discuss anthropological and sociological studies into lives of women in Sri Lanka paying special attention to the contribution of those to create better life for women.
5. Discuss the contribution made by religious practices and oracles to release pain and trauma of the war. In your discussion cite relevant studies done by both Anthropologists and Sociologists.
6. Why do young people rise against political regimes? Discuss the causes for youth uprisings with special reference to JVP led youth insurrections took place in 1971 and 1988-1989 periods.
7. Discuss socio-cultural issues connected with the Asian Tsunami of 2004. In your discussion pay special attention to highlight the need of sociological analyses of such disasters.
8. Briefly discuss the current trends in Sociological research in Sri Lanka while highlighting the new areas for further studies.
9. Write short notes on any **four (4)** of the following:
  - (i) The multiculturalism.
  - (ii) My favourite sociological study on Sri Lanka.
  - (iii) Race and ethnicity.
  - (iv) International Diaspora and Internally Displaced People (IDP).
  - (v) The cry for creating a new constitution for Sri Lanka.
  - (vi) Radicalisation of religious practices in Sri Lanka.
  - (vii) Causes of increasing violence in Sri Lankan society.