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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES (OLD) – LEVEL IV
FINAL EXAMINATION 2018/19
SSU2207 – APPLIED SOCIOLOGY
DURATION: THREE HOURS (3 HOURS)



Date: 16th February 2019

Time: 1.30 pm-4.30 pm

Answer five (05) questions ONLY. Each question carries 20 marks.
Write clearly, illegible handwriting will be penalized.

1. What is the scope of applied Sociology? Explain using Alvin Gouldner's framework.
2. Describe the two main approaches in Applied Sociology with examples.
3. Explain the role of a sociologists in applied sociological work giving relevant examples.
4. Discuss the role of sociologists in development policy making process citing examples from Sri Lanka.
5. Define social problems. What are the determinants of a magnitude of a social problem from a sociological perspective?
6. Discuss the relevance of the measurements of poverty. What are the limitations and strengths of those?
7. What are the key factors contributing to the causation of criminal activity? Elucidate with specific focus on Sri Lanka.
8. What is ethnicity? Discuss in the context of the different causes of ethnic conflict in Sri Lanka.
9. Write short notes on any three of the following;
 - a) Basic approaches to social problems
 - b) Social problems and moral principals
 - c) Social Critic
 - d) Theories of poverty
 - e) Ethnicity and Nationalism

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