

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA  
 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES  
 BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – 2018/2019  
 FINAL EXAMINATION (SEMESTER II) - LEVEL V  
 DSU5344/SSU 3144: SRI LANKA IN A GLOBALIZED WORLD: ISSUES  
 AND CHALLENGES



**DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS**

**Date: 10.08.2019**

**Time: 9.30 a.m. –12.30 p.m.**

**Instructions:**

- Answer *ONLY five (05) questions*.
- Using examples where necessary will reward more marks.
- Each question carries twenty (20) marks.
- Please write clearly.

1. "It is difficult today, for small states in the world to face the challenges imposed by globalization". Critically analyze this statement by providing relevant examples.
2. "There are some key perspectives on globalization such as globalists, traditionalists and transformationalists".
  - (a) Briefly summarize the differences between two of the above mentioned perspectives on globalization (10 Marks).
  - (b) Do you think the Globalists are wrong in their perspective? Critically examine your response (10 Marks).
3. "The character of the nation-state and its foundations are said to be shaken not only by the global economic forces, but also by global politics, and cultural forces". Analyze this statement.
4. In your opinion provide suggestions to address the global environmental crisis and explain them.
5. Do you think the anti-globalist campaign need to be strengthened? Discuss.

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6. How does Sri Lanka address the issues of economic inequality under the conditions of globalization? Explain with examples.
7. (i) Define the concept of nationalism (10 Marks).  
(ii) Analyze the impact of globalization on nationalism (10 Marks).
8. "Conflict resolution through peaceful means is essential in today's world". Critically examine this statement.
9. Analyze the changes taking place in the Sri Lankan society as a result of globalization.
10. Write short notes on two (2) of the following topics (10 Marks X 2).
  - i. Cultural Globalization
  - ii. Neoliberalism
  - iii. Information and Knowledge Society
  - iv. The Postmodern Condition

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