

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
 BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL V (2018/2019)
 FINAL EXAMINATION
 DSU5352 SOCIAL THEORY



DURATION – Three (03) HOURS

Date: 6th July 2019

Time: 9.30 am to 12.30 pm

Instructions:

Answer FIVE (05) questions only. Each answer carries equal marks.

1. Explain the key ideas that influenced Mead's perspective on the 'self' and discuss how 'self' is developed through social interaction.
2. Critically evaluate Geertz's semiotic theory of culture with reference to describing contemporary culture.
3. "There is a common thread of classical Marxism that runs through the social analyses of Frankfurt School and Juergen Habermas". Do you agree with this statement? Discuss.
4. Discuss why Habermas thinks that Communicative Action is the most important of the four types of social action.
5. Analyse the status of women in the Sri Lankan workforce from a feminist perspective discussed in this course.
6. Define the concept of habitus and explain how it develops and operates to perpetuate inequality.
7. "Post-structuralism is completely different from structuralism". Examine this statement by comparing post-structuralism to structuralism.
8. "Giddens attempts to combine structure and agency in his analysis of society". Do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer.
9. Write short notes on any four (04).
 - a. Legitimation crisis
 - b. Standpoint theory
 - c. Signifier-signified
 - d. Role-taking
 - e. Lifeworld
 - f. Femininity and feminism