

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
 BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – (2018/2019)
 FINAL EXAMINATION – LEVEL V (SEMESTER II)
 DSU5356/SSU3156 – ETHNICITY IN EVERYDAY LIFE



DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS)

Date: 11.08.2018

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

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

- 1) Are scholarly explanations and everyday references of ethnicity the same? Discuss citing relevant examples from Sri Lanka or elsewhere.
- 2) Are there differences in the forces that divide and mobilise groups based on ethnicity during colonial and post-colonial periods? Discuss
- 3) a) Make a list of socio-cultural criteria which divide ethnic groups. (5 Marks)
 b) Discuss the role of any two of the selected criteria from the list prepared above in marking and maintaining ethnic boundaries. (15 Marks)
- 4) Suppose you are appointed by the government of Sri Lanka to discuss with the so called "Tamil diaspora community" to draft a new constitution for Sri Lanka aiming to solving ethnic tensions and conflict in Sri Lanka. Describe the major points that you would include in the agenda.
- 5) Describe the factors which may contribute for the erasure of already existing ethnic identities of a society. Refer to relevant examples from Sri Lanka or any other society you want in your discussion.
- 6) Compare and contrast the Modernisation approach with the Primordialist approach which explains the shape of ethnicity and ethnic relationship in a given society.
- 7) Are Sri Lankan ethnic groups maintaining pure and distinctive identities historically or are they a mix and hybridity of different ethno-linguistics and caste communities? Critically discuss making special reference to relevant scholarly work.
- 8) "Benedict Anderson discussed the contribution of print capitalism in forming nationalism. Using same theoretical framework one can discuss the contribution of cyber space in formulating or shaping ethnicity and nationalism." Examine this statement.
- 9) Write short notes on any **FOUR (04)** of the following:
 - (i) The politicisation of ethnicity
 - (ii) Ethnicity and race
 - (iii) Introduction of a new constitution to establish sustainable peace in Sri Lanka
 - (iv) National and regional ethnic discriminations
 - (v) The primordial approach to ethnic identity
 - (vi) International terrorism and local ethnic groups
 - (vii) Ethno-religious nationalism