



THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

DEGREE OF MASTER OF EDUCATION – 1997/2018

FINAL EXAMINATION – 2018/2019

ESP2312/STP9812 – SOCIAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL FOUNDATIONS OF  
EDUCATION

DURATION – THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 17.03.2019

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Answer any four (03) questions.

01. i. What do you mean by the concept “political Socialization”? Explain briefly. (06 marks)
- ii. Analyze the relationship between Education and Politics. (10 marks)
- iii. Name **three (03)** agents of political socialization and explain your views on one of them. (17 marks)
02. i. Identify the major functions of education and describe one of major functions in relation to the Sri Lankan context. (10 marks)
- ii. One main objective of Education is preparing children to the world of work. Explain the above statement with suitable examples. (10 marks)
- iii. Identify **three (03)** problems faced by Sri Lanka in relation to preparing students to the world of work and give your suggestion to overcome one of the problems you identified. (13 marks)
03. i. Name **two (02)** family types and compare their characteristics briefly. (06 marks)
- ii. Evaluate the role of a nuclear family in the socialization process citing appropriate examples from the Sri Lanka context. (13 marks)
- iii. Critically analyze the role of mass media in increasing a culture of violence among the younger generation in the world with citing examples. (14 marks)

04. i. Discuss briefly, Eastern and Western philosophies of education under the following topics.  
▪ Aims of education  
▪ Role of the teacher. (20 marks)
- ii. Name the Sustainable Department Goal related to Education and briefly explain it. (05 marks)
- iii. Identify the barriers in achieving above mentioned goal in the Sri Lankan context and give your suggestions to overcome those barriers. (08 marks)
05. i. List **five (05)** contemporary issues in education. Explain one of those issues related to the Sri Lankan context. (10 marks)
- ii. What are the challenges faced in Sri Lanka in developing values among students. (10 marks)
- iii. Give **four (04)** suggestions to minimize above mentioned challenges. (13 marks)
06. i. Define the concept of social class. (06 marks)
- ii. Describe the disadvantages faced by children in the lower social class in Sri Lanka with regard to education. (13 marks)
- iii. Select **two (02)** such disadvantages and make your suggestions to overcome them. (14 marks)

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