THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL 3 (2006)
FINAL EXAMINATION (1ST SEMESTER)
INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY – SSU 1205

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DURATION – THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 26th November 2006 **Time: 9.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon**

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

1. Explain what is Sociology taking major events that lead to the emergence of it.

2. Who are considered as classical sociologists? Describe each theorist in relation to the concepts contributed by them to sociological knowledge.

OR

Discuss the basic assumptions of Marxist or interactionist perspective.

3. Is sociology a science? Give reasons for your answer.

4. Analyze the practical significance of sociological knowledge in day to day life.

OR

Analyze how sociological knowledge can be used across different social, economic and political situations

5. Identify major sociological research methods and discuss their uses and limits.

6. Examine the significance of social interaction from a sociological point of view.

7. Describe the principle characteristics of status and role giving examples.

8. What is culture? Explain the contents of a culture taking examples from Sri Lankan society.

9. Write short notes on any **three (03)** of the followings.
   (a) Symbolic interactionism
   (b) Socialization
   (c) Exchange theory
   (d) Control groups
   (e) Participant observation

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