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BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL V
FINAL EXAMINATION – 2007
SSU 3208 – MODERN ORGANISATION & SOCIAL MOVEMENTS

DURATION – THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 09th October 2007 **Time: 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.**

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

01. What are the characteristics of an organisation? Discuss.

02. Examine the strengths and weaknesses of typologies of organisations.

03. "The Human Relations Perspective is more appropriate than the Rational Perspective in understanding of today's organisations in Sri Lanka". Critically assess this statement.

04. What do you mean by an organisational structure? Clarify with special reference to the independent variables that can influence structure.

05. Do you agree that the concept of bureaucracy is politicised in Sri Lanka? Discuss with reference to research works that you are familiar with.

06. "Namika Raby's research on Kachcheri Bureaucracy guides us how to conduct organisational research." Do you agree with this statement? Justify your answer.

07. Compare and contrast the process of development of **two (02)** local social movements of your choice.

08. Write short notes on any **four (04)** of the following themes.
    (a) K.M. de Silva's analysis on ethnic composition of bureaucracy
    (b) The Conflict Perspective
    (c) Job satisfaction
    (d) The Elitist theories
    (e) Anthony Gidden's definition on Social Movements
    (f) Sociology of Organisations

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