THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL 3
FINAL EXAMINATION – 2009/2010
SSU 1205 - INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

DURATION – THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 19th June 2010 **Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.**

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

1. Explain the background within which Sociology emerged as an academic discipline.

2. Explain the academic focus of Sociology in the context social sciences.

3. Can Sociology be defined as a science? Justify your answer.

4. Discuss the scope of the three main theoretical perspectives in sociology.

5. Explain at least three major techniques used for sociological investigations with reference to their strengths and weaknesses.

6. Explain the importance of status and role in sociological discussions with at least one good example for each concept.

7. Discuss the significance of culture in sociological explanations at micro and at macro social levels.

8. Discuss the functions of the family in the context of Sri Lankan society.

9. Write short notes on any four(4) of the following:
   (a) Socialization
   (b) Comte's ideas on evolution
   (c) Max Weber's contribution to sociology
   (d) Organic and mechanical solidarity
   (e) Observation as a method

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