THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL 3
FINAL EXAMINATION – 2011/2012
SSU 1205 - INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

DURATION – THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 19th June 2011 **Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.**

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

1. Explain the scope of the discipline of Sociology.

2. What are the major differences between the ideas of Auguste Comte and Herbert Spencer regarding the evolution of society?

3. What are the main differences between classical Marxian school of thought and the George Simmel school of thought?

4. (a) What are the basic characteristics of a scientific inquiry?
   (b) What are the differences between two techniques of data collection: questionnaire and interview? Discuss the uses and limits of each method.

5. (a) How do sociologists explain deviance?
   (b) What are the major theories of deviance? Explain them briefly.

6. (a) Differentiate between sex and gender.
   (b) What are the sociological explanations of gender stratification?

7. (a) How is socialization important?
   (b) Describe the relationship between personality and socialization.

8. (a) Do you think that the concept of social stratification is important in analyzing society?
   (b) Compare and contrast the caste system and the class system.

9. Write short notes on any **four (4)** of the following:
   (i) Social movement
   (ii) Kinship terminology
   (iii) Bureaucracy
   (iv) Social mobility
   (v) Social control
   (vi) Cults and rituals

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