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FINAL EXAMINATION 2012
SSU1205 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 17th June 2012 **Time: 09.30 a.m. -12.30 p.m.**

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

1. (a) Describe major factors or events that led to the origin of Sociology as a discipline.
   (b) What are the practical uses of Sociology?

2. (a) What is meant by' value-free Sociology'?
   (b) Briefly explain the differences between natural sciences and social sciences.

3. (a) What are the basic characteristics of a scientific inquiry?
   (b) Compare the merits and limits of any two research methods used in Sociology.

4. (a) What is a social group?
   (b) What are the main types of social group?
   (c) Describe the characteristics of a social group?

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

6. (a)' There is a close relationship between education and social mobility', explain this statement with relevant examples.

7. (a) Describe the basic elements in religion.
   (b) Examine the role of religion in the Sri Lankan society.

8. (a) How does a social movement differ from other forms of collective behavior?
   (b) What explains the success or failure of a social movement?
   (c) How is a social revolution distinguished from other types of social movements?

9. Write short notes on any **four (04)** of the following.
   a) Gender inequality
   b) Social control
   c) Functionalism
   d) Socialization and personality development
   e) Incest taboo
   f) Sub-culture

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