THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – (2013/2014)
FINAL EXAMINATION - LEVEL III (SEMESTER I)
SSU1205 – INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS)

Date: 24.11.2013 **Time: 09.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.**

Answer five (05) questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. What do sociologists study? Discuss with reference to Neil Smelser's framework.

2. Compare and contrast the theoretical perspectives of Functionalism and Interactionism.

3. (a) Describe the sociological research process.
   (b) Assess the strengths and weaknesses of the case study method.

4. What is a social group? Discuss the importance of social groups with examples.

5. What is socialization? How does culture affect the socialization process? Explain with examples.

6. "Social institutions exist to serve certain important functions in society". Do you agree with this statement? Explain with reference to religion.

7. What is a social class system? How does Karl Marx describe the class system? What are the characteristics of the class system?

8. What are the elements needed for the formation of a social movement? Discuss with reference to a social movement in Sri Lanka.

9. Write short notes on any four (04)
   a. Gender role socialization
   b. Ascribed and achieved status
   c. Questionnaire method
   d. Social control
   e. Bureaucracy

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