THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI-LANKA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES (OLD SYLLABUS) - LEVEL 3
FINAL EXAMINATION – 2014 / 2015
SSU1205- INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY

DURATION THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 08th November 2014 **Time: 09.30am - 12.30 p.m.**

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

1. Discuss the relationship between Sociology and the other social sciences.

2. Discuss how theories of evolution influenced the ideas of early sociologists such as Comte, Spencer and Durkheim.

3. Critically examine the basic features of conflict theory.

4. Explain the survey method and discuss its strengths and weaknesses.

5. Describe the major steps to be followed in conducting a sociological study.

6. Define what we mean by the concepts **role** and **status**. What is the link between these two concepts?

7. What is a social group? Describe the characteristics of a social group using relevant examples.

8. Analyse why the family is considered the basic and most important socialising agent in society.

9. Describe the various forms of social stratification to be found in Sri Lanka.

10. "Gender discrimination does not exist in Sri Lankan society". Critically examine this statement.

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