

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL 3
FINAL EXAMINATION– 2023/2024 (II SEMESTER)
DSU3552 – UNDERSTANDING SRILANKAN SOCIETY AND CULTURE
DURATION: THREE HOURS ONLY (3 HOURS)



Date: 03.08.2024

Time: 9.30p.m -12.30 p.m

Instructions

- Each answer should be approximately 750 words in length
 - Illegible handwriting will be penalized.
 - Please answer 5 questions only from the questions given below.
1. Focusing on the Veddas of Sri Lanka, discuss the early anthropologists' fascination with "primitive" people and how it has evolved over time.
 2. Describe how deega marriage, binna marriage and cross-cousin marriage relate to inheritance, property and land tenure among the Sinhala society.
 3. Compare and contrast the Sinhala caste system with the Tamil caste system in Sri Lanka.
 4. Discuss the class formation in Sri Lanka during the colonial period.
 5. Explain the factors that contributed to the creation of Muslim identity in Sri Lanka in the late colonial period.
 6. Discuss how inequalities manifest among the peasants in Sri Lanka?
 7. Discuss the emerging themes and topics of academic research in contemporary Sri Lankan anthropology and sociology, and how they relate to the challenges of contemporary Sri Lankan society.
 8. Discuss how sociologists and anthropologists have viewed the 1971 youth insurrection.
 9. Write short notes on any two (02) of the following
 - i. Ethnic Nationalism and Inter-Community Relations in Sri Lanka
 - ii. Transformation from Agrarian to Urban Societies in Sri Lanka
 - iii. Tsunami and competitive humanitarianism
 - iv. Autonomous women's organizations in Sri Lanka
 - v. War and displacement in Sri Lanka

