



University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka

General Degree Examination in Arts (External) Old syllabus - 2017 December

Sociology

Theory and Methodology in Sociology - SSG 1

(Time Allowed: Three Hours)

(Answer only Four Questions selecting 2 questions from each section)

(This Question Paper consists of (08) Questions)

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**Part I**

1. What is Sociology? Explain historical reasons for the origin of Sociology as a subject.
2. Write an essay on “ Contribution of Karl Marx to Sociology.
3. Compare and contrast the theoretical views of Max Weber and Emile Durkheim in relation to
  - I. The nature of social phenomena
  - II. Sociological Methods
4. Make a comparative analysis of two pioneer functionalists in Sociology and Social Anthropology

**Part II**

5. “Ethical precepts should never be broken when conducting social research” critically examine this statement with relevant examples.

6. Prepare a suitable research proposal to mitigate the solid waste problem within the Colombo municipal limit.
7. Discuss strengths and weaknesses of participant observation and face to face semi - structured interviews as social research methods.
8. How far is case study method useful in Sociological research? Discuss with examples.



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Applied Sociology - SSG II

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1. Elucidate what is Applied Sociology and discuss its subject scope.
2. Critically examine the state sponsored health care service in Sri Lanka.
3. Explain the role played by community - based organizations in rural development in Sri Lanka.
4. Discuss the steps that can be taken to control the spread of Chronic Kidney Disease of Unknown Aetiology in Sri Lanka.
5. Write an essay on problems faced by senior citizens in Sri Lanka.
6. Evaluate the Moragaha Kanda multi - purposes development project.
7. Explain the strategies that can be applied to control the spread of Dengue epidemic in Sri Lanka.
8. Write short notes on any three of the followings
  - a. Poverty in the Estate sector in Sri Lanka.
  - b. Suicide in Sri Lanka.
  - c. Urban environmental pollution in Sri Lanka.
  - d. Recent crime wave in Sri Lanka.



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Sociology of South Asia - SSG III

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1. In what sense is South Asia a cultural region?
2. Explain how Robert Redfield's theoretical approach to peasant society can be applied to understand the peasant context in South Asia.
3. Select one of the social movements in South Asia and discuss its contribution to social change.
4. "Kinship continues to play a significant role in politics in South Asian Societies" Discuss.
5. "Globalization undermines some cultural identities and reinforces certain other cultural identities" discuss with special reference to South Asia.
6. How do you explain the rise of popular religion cults in contemporary Sri Lankan society.
7. "Unplanned urbanization has contributed to the rise of enormous environmental problems in cities in South Asia" do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer?
8. Write notes on any Three of the followings
  - I. Sanskritization
  - II. Max Weber and Indian society
  - III. Great tradition and Little tradition
  - IV. Hydraulic Society
  - V. Jajmani system
  - VI. Domestic violence