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**Sociology I - (SSG 1)**  
**(Theories and Methods in Sociology)**

The total number of questions in this paper is eight (08).  
Answer **four** (04) questions selecting **two** (02) from each section.

Time allowed: Three (03) Hours

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**PART I**

1. Discuss the factors affecting the origin of Sociology.
2. Write an essay on the contribution made by Emile Durkheim to Sociology.
3. Elucidate the theory of symbolic interactionism put forward by George Herbert Mead.
4. Discuss Karl Marx' theory of alienation.

**PART II**

5. Discuss the importance of social research.
6. Describe what is qualitative research.
7. Prepare a research proposal to study suicide in Sri Lanka.
8. Elucidate advantages and disadvantages of using questionnaire method to collect data.



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**Sociology II - (SSG 2)**  
**(Applied Sociology)**

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Answer any **four** (04) questions.

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- I Describe the scope and development of applied sociology.  
II Explain how applied sociological knowledge contributes to suggests solutions for social issues.
  - Write an essay on social welfare programes in Sri Lanka.
  - Discuss the role and responsibility of Non-governmental organizations in preventing committing Suicide in Sri Lanka.
  - Discuss sociological factors affecting the promotion of community participation in development projects.
  - "Many agricultural colonization schemes in Sri Lanka have been failed due to poor settlement planning and lack of sociological knowledge of resettlement activities". Critique this statement using an applied sociological perspective.
  - Describe the vision and mission of the "Sarvodaya" moverment as a local non-governmental organization.
  - Discuss the relationship between "Green revolution" and kidney diseases in agricultural colonization schemes in Sri Lanka.
  - Write notes on any **three** of following
    - Ageing population in Sri Lanka
    - Ethnicity
    - Urban poverty
    - Prostitution in Sri Lanka



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**Sociology III - (SSG 3)**  
**(Sociology of South Asia)**

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Answer **four** (04) questions.

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1. What are the main features of South Asian common culture.
2. What is the Jajmani System? what its importance for the study of the caste system in India.
3. "Sinhalese and Dravidian Kinship terminologies are structurally similar" discuss.
4. Discuss the concepts of the Little tradition and the Great tradition as presented by the Prof. Gananath Obeyesekere's analysis.
5. Write an essay on food behavior and the Ayurvedic system in Sri Lanka.
6. Discuss with examples the impact of "Religious movements" on South Asian Politics.
7. Critically discuss the current trends in Sri Lankan family.
8. Write notes on **two** of the following topics.
  - i. Robert Redfield
  - ii. Sanskritization
  - iii. Descent
  - iv. Current trends in Sri Lankan Politics