

**UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, SRI LANKA  
FACULTY OF ARTS**

**THIRD YEAR EXAMINATION IN ARTS – SEMESTER II – 2017/2018**

**SOC 3246 – Contemporary Social Issues**

**Two (02) Hours**

**Answer Three (03) questions only**

---

1. Critically examine strengths and weaknesses of blaming the individual and blaming the social structure approaches in identifying causes of contemporary social issues.
2. Explain what deviant behavior is with reference to relevant theoretical perspectives.
3. Critically discuss how ‘social construction of sexuality’ has become a social issue in contemporary society.
4. Define the concept of poverty and examine its root causes with special reference to sociological perspectives.
5. Explain suicide in Sri Lanka in relation to individual factors, social change, and political conflicts.
6. Write Short Essays on any **two (02)** of the following topics.
  - i. Socio-Cultural factors associated with substance abuse
  - ii. Social interactionist perspective on social issues.
  - iii. Poverty alleviation programs implemented in Sri Lanka after introduction of open economic policies.
  - iv. Right based approach to address contemporary social issues.

\*\*\*\*\*