

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, SRI LANKA
FACULTY OF ARTS

THIRD YEAR EXAMINATION IN ARTS - SEMESTER II – 2017/18
SOC 3267 – Education and Society
Two (02) Hours

Answer THREE (03) questions only.

1. Do you think that the role of an education sociologist is to analyse the nature of the relationship between education and other social institutions in social structure? Explain your answer.
2. Critically evaluate the functionalist discussion on the functions performed by the school for society.
3. 'Transforming a classroom into a student-centered environment requires major shifts in teacher- and student-attitudes.' Critically discuss this view in relation to John Dewey's ideas.
4. 'In the existing social system, commodification of the school and differences in resource allocation to different schools are inevitable.' Do you agree? Discuss your answer with examples from Sri Lanka.
5. Do you think that the world-wide enthusiasm towards the introduction of the blended learning mode to classrooms would undermine the importance given to the teacher's role? Critically examine with reference to your experiences.
6. What are the proposals you would make towards transforming students who are used to a traditional classroom into students who like to learn independently by exploring knowledge? Discuss with reference to your experiences and theoretical knowledge.
