

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, SRI LANKA
FACULTY OF ARTS

SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION IN ARTS - (SEMESTER II) – 2016/2017

SOC 2218 – INTRODUCTION TO URBAN EDUCATION

Two (02) Hours

Answer any THREE (03) questions

1. What is an urban school? How is that different from other schools? Explain.
2. How do the special characteristics of a city impact the composition and activities of an urban school? Discuss with reference to suitable theories.
3. 'Superior' schools as well as 'deprived' schools are situated in close proximity to each other in Sri Lankan cities. Explain, how the nature and composition of the Sri Lankan city has contributed to this situation.
4. There is an idea that 'teachers can be trained to teach in any context if they are trained to teach in urban schools.' Critically discuss this idea.
5. 'Parental involvement in children's education depends largely on social class of the respective family.' Do you think that this situation contributes to the maintenance of the hierarchy of urban social classes? Discuss.
6. Do you think that certain emerging social trends in the contemporary Sri Lankan urban context introduce new challenges for urban schools? Discuss with examples.
