

**UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO – SRI LANKA**

**FACULTY OF ARTS**

**Examination in Master of Arts in Sociology (Two years) – 2016/2018  
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**2<sup>nd</sup> Semester**

**MAS 607 – Sociology of the City and Urban Development**

**Answer four (04) questions only**

***Time : Three (03) hours only***

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1. 'Invisible City refers to the people in our society whom we walk past every day and never truly see'. Discuss this statement with examples.
2. There are limitations in classical theories on the city. However, it laid the foundation for the sociology of the city'. Critically examine this statement.
3. Discuss with examples the relationship between urban form with crimes and safety in a country.
4. Critically examine the contribution of urban sociologists to understand the status of low-income dwellers in South Asia.
5. Critically discuss the causes and consequences of growing a condominium culture (gated communities) and polarization in the city of Colombo.
6. Critically evaluate the main factors that have contributed to the sustainable urban development of Singapore city-state.

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7. How realistic is the idea of sustainable urban development in a country where the system of local-governments has weakened? Explain your answer with examples.
8. Write short essays on any **two (02)** of the following topics.
- (i) Perspectives in urban culture
  - (ii) Middle class way of life in Colombo suburbs
  - (iii) Contribution of Neo-Webarians and Neo-Marxists on urban sociology
  - (iv) The City and its Gentrification process

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