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FACULTY OF ARTS

**Examination in Master of Arts in Sociology (Two years) – 2017/2019
& Masters in Sociology (One year) – 2017/2018**

Semester II

MAS 604 – Sociology of Agrarian Societies

Answer Four (04) questions only

Time : Three (03) hours only

1. 'Peasant and peasantry are different parts of human society'. Discuss with reference to Eric Wolf's book titled "Peasant."
2. Examine how peasants' production and social relationships were organized in the traditional Sinhalese society with reference to Tilak Hettiarachchy's book titled "The Sinhala Peasant in a Changing Society".
3. Critically discuss the debate about the influence of colonization on the creation of class in traditional agrarian society in Sri Lanka by Newton Gunasinghe and Kumari Jayawardhena.
4. 'The modernization that took place in Sri Lankan agriculture due to the Green revolution resulted in negative impacts more than positive impacts.' Discuss this statement with reference to the article "Impact of Green Revolution on the Sri Lankan Peasantry" by Ramani Jayatilaka.
5. Tamara Gunasekara states that the changes to the rural power hierarchy are increasingly continuing even today. Do you agree? Discuss.

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6. Critically discuss the positive and negative impacts of micro – finance systems on contemporary rural society in Sri Lanka.
7. 'As a result of the process of Globalization peasant economy has become more connected to the world market'. Critically discuss this statement.
8. Write short essays on any two of the followings topics.
 - (i) Andre Beteille's ideas on the Green Revolution in Thanjore district.
 - (ii) Russian peasant household
 - (iii) Peasant's ideology.
