

**UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO – SRI LANKA**

**FACULTY OF ARTS**

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Semester**

**MAS 610 – Psychosocial Problems in Contemporary Sri Lanka**

**Answer four (04) questions only**

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

**Instructions:**

***Open Book Exam***

***Critically discuss the statements / questions using articles and documentaries studied in class as well as other relevant readings to illustrate your arguments.***

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1. “There are many kinds of psychosocial problems that can affect individuals and communities.” Discuss one psychosocial problem of your choice and how it affects the psychosocial well-being of people.
2. What constitutes a psychosocial approach, as opposed to a biomedical approach? Use examples to illustrate your answer.
3. How does the loss of physical and economic resources available to households have an impact on the psychosocial well-being of communities? Explain.
4. Different frameworks have explained the impacts of violence and conflict on well-being. Critically discuss one framework of your choice.
5. Many people who lived in the North and East of Sri Lanka during the war have had to struggle through multiple psychosocial problems. Compare and contrast their problems with those of people in other parts of the country.

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6. When designing a psychosocial intervention for communities with psychosocial problems, what are the ethical concerns that need to be considered? Use examples to illustrate your answer.
  
7. 'Poverty alleviation of families can be addressed by giving scholarships to their children.' Critically discuss this statement in relation to the documentary on urban poor in Sri Lanka.
  
8. Obaid-Chinoy, director of the documentary *Saving Face* has stated that the film is "a positive story about Pakistan." – Critically discuss this statement in relation to the psychosocial impacts acid attacks have on women.

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