

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

FACULTY OF ARTS

SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION IN ARTS - SEMESTER I – 2018/2019

SOC 2133 – Urban Sociology: Theory and Practice

Two (02) Hours

Answer Three (03) questions only

1. (i) What does an urban sociologist study? Explain.
(ii) What is the importance of studying urban sociology? Briefly explain.
2. Explain the concept of 'urban culture' using the ideas of Georg Simmel and Louis Wirth.
3. How did B. Berger and other urban sociologists analyse the concept of 'suburb'? Examine.
4. Evaluate the contribution of Manuel Castells to the understanding of "invisible social relationships" in the post-industrial city.
5. 'Urban sociologists study the city using various methods.' What are these methods and data sources? Discuss with examples.
6. Write short essays on any two (02) of the following topics:
 - i The theory of concentric urban zones.
 - ii Views of the Neo-webarians in the city
 - iii Urban life styles
 - iv Robert Park and the city
