University of Colombo Faculty of Arts First Year Degree Examination in Arts First Semester – 2018/2019

CMS 1101 - Introduction to Communication

Answer Three (03) questions only.

Two (02) hours

- 01. 'Communication is an essential component of social existence.' Describe the nature, need and importance of Communication with reference to the definitions of your choice.
- 02. 'Human language is the unparalleled and exceptional creation of the human kind.' Elucidate with reference to the characteristics of human language.
- 03. 'The role of Communication is extremely vast and diverse in the modern world which is rapidly changing.' Discuss with reference to the functions of Communication.
- 04. Explain the distinctiveness and complexity of Mass Communication in comparison with the other categories of Communication pointing out the characteristics of the same.
- 05. 'Proper Communication will take place only if the source and the receiver are at the same level.' Discuss with reference to Berlo's SMCR model of Communication.
- 06. 'In the current context, communication occurs in a wider international space breaking geographical and language barriers.' Critically examine.
- 07. Write short notes four (04) of the following topics.
 - i. Elements of the process of comm unication
 - ii. The role of communicator in effective communication
 - iii. Wilbur Schramm
 - iv. Range of nonverbal expressions
 - v. Limitations of animal communication
 - vi. New trends in communication technology