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## MCPS 6202 – War and Violence: Social Cultural and Human Dimensions

Duration: Three (03) hours only

Answer Three (03) Questions Only

1. As a result of the civil war in Sri Lanka, a variety of gendered subject positions came to the forefront. Name one male and one female subject position and analyse how they unfolded during and after the war. You are expected to engage different scholarly arguments in your discussion.
2. How would you define the concept of 'collective memory'?  
  
Pick a memorial that has been constructed in Sri Lanka and discuss how effectively it might reflect the collective memory of a country that is divided along ethnic, religious and linguistic lines --whose memories are being memorialised? Whose memories are being erased? Might there be more effective ways to address collective memory in Sri Lanka? You are required to provide a description (or even a rough drawing) of the memorial under discussion.
3. In conflict situations following a terrible event such as a bomb blast, people feel extremes of emotions – extreme terror and helplessness, intense fear, loss of control and autonomy. Explain with examples how the trauma approaches and the resilience approaches would explain such emotions.
4. Given the focus of questions of justice on the basic structure of society, and the task facing those who would recommend ways of creating a just society or of correcting existing injustices, is one of articulating a set of principles which would ensure an accurate and concrete determination of what is just and unjust, as well as helping the development of policies which would assist in the correction of injustices.

Discuss the above statement in light of historical, conceptual and methodological issues.