

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, SRI LANKA
FACULTY OF ARTS
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SEMESTER I – 2021/2022

SOC 4180 – Sociology of the City

Duration: **Two (02) hours.**

Answer **Three (03)** questions only.

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1. 'The central task of contemporary urban sociologists is to study the city as an autonomous social unit.' Critically examine this statement with relevant examples.
 2. According to the World Bank report on 'Leveraging Urbanization in South Asia: Managing Spatial Transformation for Prosperity and Livability' (2016), South Asian Urbanization is messy and hidden.' Discuss using relevant examples.
 3. 'According to the State of Sri Lankan Cities Report (2018), there are barriers that Sri Lanka should overcome to make cities resilient.' Critically examine this statement.
 4. Arachchige Don Neville's study on 'Patterns of community structure in Colombo, Sri Lanka' attempts to understand urban life of a community by focusing on their politics, kinship, ethnicity, religion and neighborhood involvement. Discuss.
 5. Discuss how urban people's attitudes and behaviours have changed with housing and infrastructural development projects in urban Sri Lanka by using examples from Nihal Perera's research paper 'Neighborhood resilience and hope: The making and re-making of Wanathamulla.'
 6. Write short essays on any **two (02)** of the following topics.
 - i Relocation as an urban flood risk reduction strategy
 - ii Social equity and urban planning
 - iii Urban poverty and the informal sector
 - iv The Kirulapona canal as a space of leisure or beauty
