

**University of Colombo – Sri Lanka**

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**Fourth Year Examination in Arts – Semester I, 2021/2022**

**SOC 4187 – Community Social Work**

**Time: Two (02) hours**

**Answer Three (03) questions only**

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6. Explain with examples how the factors for conducting a need assessment presented by Sylvia Marti-Costa and Irma Serrano-Garcia (1983) can be used in a low-income community.

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