

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

FACULTY OF ARTS

THIRD YEAR EXAMINATION IN ARTS – SEMESTER II – 2016/2017

SOC 3246 – Contemporary Social Issues

Two (02) Hours

Answer Three (03) questions only

1. Briefly explain what social issues are and describe their social impact by using relevant theoretical perspectives.
2. 'Same sex marriage has become a major social issue in contemporary society.' Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer.
3. Critically discuss to what extent the prescribed article on Suicide Trends in Mahaweli New Settlements can be used to identify social reasons associated with suicide in Sri Lanka.
4. Discuss how human trafficking for sex work is related to neo-liberal culture and political influence using the article "Sex Work and Human Trafficking: Sociological Perspectives" by Kari Lerum and Barbara G. Brents.
5. Explain how mental health and mental illness have become a social issue and discuss problems faced by Sri Lanka when treating mental illness.
6. Write **two (02)** short essays from the following topics:
 - (i) Contemporary Sociological studies on sexuality
 - (ii) Altruistic Suicide
 - (iii) White – collar crimes
 - (iv) Active - theory on ageing
