

**UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, SRI LANKA
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**THIRD YEAR EXAMINATION IN ARTS - SEMESTER II – 2016/17
SOC 3267 – Education and Society
Two (02) Hours**

Answer any THREE (03) questions.

1. 'Even though the relationship between education and culture is reciprocal, the influence culture can have on education is stronger than the influence education can have on culture.' Discuss this statement.
2. Critically discuss the functionalist view that 'school functions as a bridge between family and broader society.'
3. 'The importance given to schools education traditionally has declined as a result of alternative means of acquiring knowledge available today.' Critically discuss in relation to Liberal views on education.
4. 'The most conspicuous characteristics of a given society can be observed in the school system of that society.' Do you agree? Explain your answer using examples.
5. In Sri Lanka, social class is still an important factor in determining students' levels of academic achievement. Can this state of affairs necessarily be considered a weakness of the equality principles implemented in the education system? Critically examine with examples.
6. Certain malpractices observed within the contemporary school systems are proof of teachers' possessing an inadequate understanding of their social responsibility both within and outside the school. How can teachers be trained to resolve this problem? Discuss.
