

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

FACULTY OF ARTS

THIRD YEAR EXAMINATION IN ARTS - SEMESTER I – 2017/2018

SOC 3157 – Sociology of Environment and Disaster Management

Two (02) Hours

Answer Three (03) questions only

1. Explain what Cultural Ecology is and discuss the interrelationship between culture and nature taking examples from contemporary Sri Lankan society.
2. 'The urban political ecology plays social role in understanding environmental problems in the cities of developing countries.' Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons.
3. Critically discuss the concept of disaster with reference to the theoretical approach utilized in class.
4. What are the major steps of a post-disaster management process? Examine with reference to power relations in Sri Lankan society.
5. Discuss the importance of sustainable livelihood in the context of vulnerability as recognized in the field of disaster management.
6. Write short essays on any **two (02)** of the following topics:
 - (i) Significance of culture in post-disaster management
 - (ii) Gender and Disaster
 - (iii) Sociology of Risk
 - (iv) Disaster and Communication
