

NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

EXAMINATION FOR ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES 1

(SEMESTER I: 2011-2012)

SC1101E – MAKING SENSE OF SOCIETY

SOCIOLOGY

November 2011 - Time Allowed 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. This examination paper contains **SIX** questions and comprises **TWO** printed pages.
2. You must answer a total of **TWO** questions.
3. All questions carry the same number of marks.
4. This is a **CLOSED BOOK** examination.

ANSWER ANY **TWO** QUESTIONS

1. “A liberal feminist perspective would argue that gender equality can be achieved primarily by changing how children and future generations are socialized.” Do you agree with this argument?
2. “In a meritocracy, social success is said to be the consequence of good individual performance.” Critically evaluate this statement.
3. Ageing is often experienced as a process of downward mobility. Explain why this is so. Do you see any possibility of reversing this process?
4. Does the “religious economy” perspective provide an adequate explanation for the persistence of religion in the contemporary world?
5. What do you make of the commonly heard claim that the media are there simply to inform and entertain?
6. “You know a deviant when you see one.” How would you respond to this statement sociologically?

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