



THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
 BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES (2021/22)
 FINAL EXAMINATION – LEVEL IV
 DSU4641: LIVING POLITICAL IDEAS
 DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS)

Date: 11th of June 2022

Time: 01.30PM – 4.30PM

Instructions

- Answer **five (05)** questions only
- Read the questions very carefully and use examples where necessary to illustrate your answer.
- Please write in legible handwriting
- All questions carry equal marks (20 marks each)

Questions

- 01). (a). What are political ideas? Explain. (10 marks).
 (b). Discuss some of the key political ideas of one of the modern political philosophers you have studied. (10 marks)
- 02). Why do citizens obey the State? Discuss with suitable examples. (20 marks)
- 03). "Politicians should be ethically guided in their actions". Explain why? (20 marks)
- 04). Write a brief essay on "Politics of Human Rights in the world today". (20 marks)
- 05). Why is equality a major political issue? Discuss with examples. (20 marks)
- 06). "Democracy as a system of government is criticized for many reasons". Critically analyze. (20 marks)
- 07). How do the States limit the freedom and liberty of citizens? Analyze with examples. (20 marks).
- 08). Identify some of the major issues that women face in their social and political life and briefly discuss the reasons for them? (20 marks)
- 09). Write short notes on any **two (02)** of the following. (10x2 = 20 marks)
- A. Justice
 - B. Republicanism
 - C. Limited government
 - D. Civil society
 - E. Socialist critique of liberal democracy
 - F. Social exclusion

