



THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA  
 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES  
 BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES (2021/22)  
 FINAL EXAMINATION – LEVEL IV  
 DSU4343 POLITICS OF SRILANKA: INSTITUTIONS & PROCESSES  
 DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS)

Date: 09<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Time: 09.30AM – 12.30PM

**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**

1. Analyze the political impact of the European colonial encounter on Ceylon. (20 marks)
- 2.(i). Explain some of the main features of the Soulbury constitution? (12 marks)  
 (ii). Analyze the experience of minorities under this constitution? (08 marks)
3. Discuss the basic features and the limitations of the First Republican Constitution (1972) of Sri Lanka. (20 marks)
4. Describe the evolution of the Parliamentary System in Sri Lanka and explain the current issues in it. (20 marks)
5. Analyze the criticisms against the Political Executive in the current Constitution (1978) of Sri Lanka. (20 marks)
6. Trace the evolution of the Judiciary System in Sri Lanka while describing its major features. (20 marks)
7. Discuss the nature, development, and trends of coalition politics in Sri Lanka. (20 marks)
08. Analyze the causes for the emergence of ethnic conflict and youth unrest in Sri Lanka during the 1970s and 1980s. (20 marks)
09. Write short notes on **Two (02)** of the following topics. (10 marks x2)
  - (i). Decline of the old and the emergence of new political parties in Sri Lanka
  - (ii). Public Service of Sri Lanka during the colonial period
  - (iii). The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment and Good Governance
  - (iv). Universal Franchise and Democracy
  - (v). Proposals for a possible constitutional amendment to improve women's political participation in Sri Lanka

