

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES (2021/22)
FINAL EXAMINATION – LEVEL IV
DSU4345: POLITICAL PARTICIPATION REPRESENTATION AND GOVERNANCE
DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS)



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Date: 09th of July 2022

Time: 09.30AM – 12.30PM

Instructions

- Answer **four (05)** questions only.
- Each answer carries **20 marks**
- Using examples will reward better marks
- Please write in legible handwriting

Questions

1. Explain the nature of the process of political participation, representation, and governance in a democracy. (20 marks)
2. Analyze the reasons for the current trends in public protests in Sri Lanka. (20 marks)
3. What is the role of civil society in policy formulation? Discuss. (20 marks).
4. A. Define active and passive exclusion. (10 marks).
B. Discuss how some social groups have been excluded from politics using **two (02)** significant examples. (10 marks)
5. Critically assess the contribution of political parties to broaden the political participation and representation of the citizens in Sri Lanka. (20 marks).
6. A. What is participatory democracy? Explain. (10 marks).
B. What are the major limitations of the existing democratic process in Sri Lanka? Discuss. (10 marks).
7. A. Compare and contrast the First Past the Post System (FPPS) and Proportional Representation (PR). (12 marks)
B. In your opinion, what's the most suitable system for Sri Lanka. Explain. (08 marks)
8. Analyze the socio-economic and political factors that discourage women's political participation. (20 marks).
9. Write short notes on any **two (2)** of the following topics
 - I. Sexual minorities and political participation
 - II. Tyranny of the majority
 - III. Citizenship and politics
 - IV. Crisis in representative democracy
 - V. Role of media in Politics

