

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES  
BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES (2021/22)  
FINAL EXAMINATION – LEVEL V  
DSU5345: STATE, SOCIETY AND CITIZENS: NORMATIVE DIMENSIONS OF POLITICAL LIFE  
DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS)



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Date: 26<sup>th</sup> of June 2022

Time: 09.30AM – 12.30PM

**Instructions**

- Answer Only **Five (05)** Questions.
- Read the Question very carefully and use examples where necessary to illustrate your answer.
- Answers should be clearly written.
- Each question carries equal marks (**20 Marks**).

**QUESTIONS**

1. How does the democratic form of government ensure **minority rights**? Discuss.
2. Explain how state-society relations differ according to different political ideologies.
3. Discuss the significance of citizenship as a political agency.
4. Write a critical essay on the concept of citizenship providing emphasis on its definition and significance under **one (01)** of the theories of citizenship.
5. Explain how nationalism as an ideology mediates state-society relations.
6. Describe the main characteristics of an authoritarian government with examples.
7. Explain the role of Civil Society Organizations under the democratic form of government.
8. Write a critical essay on the significance of the normative principles of political life particularly referring to the ideas presented by **one(01)** of the following thinkers.
  - a) Immanuel Kant
  - b) Karl Marx
  - c) Mahathma Gandhi
9. Discuss **two (02)** of the following concepts.
  - a) Freedom
  - b) Equality
  - c) Equality of Opportunity
  - c) Non-discrimination
  - d) Social Citizenship
  - e) Justice

