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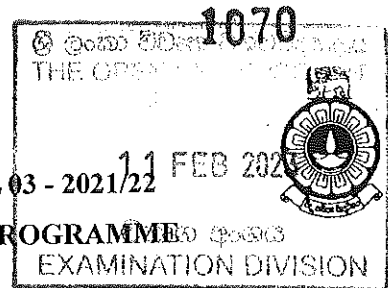
BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL 03 - 2021/22

BA YOUTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEGREE PROGRAMME

FINAL EXAMINATION

DSU 3542-Politics and Governance: an Introduction

DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS)



Date: 11th of February 2023

Time: 09.30 AM – 12.30 PM

Instructions

- Answer Five (05) questions only.
 - Read the question carefully. Use examples where necessary to illustrate your answer.
 - Please write in legible handwriting
 - All questions carry equal marks (20 marks each)
1. Discuss the concept of “Power Relations” with examples from everyday life?
 2. Describe the implications of Youth Political Participation in the recent struggles in Sri Lanka on democratic politics?
 3. Evaluate the tendencies which challenge democratic governance with examples.
 4. What is the importance of creating a proper “Checks and Balances” system in the three major branches (Executive, Judicial, Legislative) of Government?
 5. Explain whether the Prime Ministerial System or Presidential System would be more suitable for Sri Lanka in the current context of politics.
 6. Does Democracy mean a rule by the Majority? Analyse.
 7. Discuss the challenges facing Women’s Political Participation in Sri Lanka’s Local Government system.
 8. Why should citizens participate in Political Process of a state? Examine.
 9. Write short notes on any Two (02) of the following topics. (10x2)
 - (i) Responsibility of Voters in Democracy
 - (ii) Rule of Law and Power of Government
 - (iii) Environmental Politics
 - (iv) Right to Information (RTI) Act
 - (v) Government and Minorities
 - (vi) Politics of Language

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