

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL 4
FINAL EXAMINATION– 2021/2022 (2nd Semester)
DSU4356 – POLITICS AND SOCIAL MOVEMENTS



Date: 11th February 2023

Time: 01.30 p.m to 04.30 p.m

Answer five (05) questions only. Each question carries twenty (20) marks.

01. Can we apply Elites theory to understand contemporary Sri Lankan political realities? Discuss.
02. What is a social movement? Explain critical features of social movements with examples.
03. What are the conditions underlying the origin and development of social movement identified by Smelser (1968)? Explain.
04. Imagine that you have been invited to deliver a speech on "Party politics and Religion in Sri Lanka". How do you organize your speech with important points? Discuss.
05. For the first time in history, a President has been elected in an election held in the Parliament of Sri Lanka on 20th July 2022. Accordingly, as a student in sociology, what do you suggest about the political issues that the president should consider in finding solutions to the current crisis? Discuss.
06. Examine the impact of the labor movement on the political mobilization of estate sector Tamils in Sri Lanka.
07. Social media plays a powerful role in contemporary politics. Discuss this statement with the relevant examples.
08. Discuss the impact of social movement on the development of a country with reference to Sri Lanka.
09. Write short notes on four (04) of the followings;
 - a. Political ecology
 - b. Ethnicity and politics
 - c. Women movement in Sri Lanka
 - d. Transnational state
 - e. Sri Lankan diaspora
 - f. Human sufferings

