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 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
 ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES
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 FINAL EXAMINATION
 DSC2811: FUNDAMENTALS OF POLITICAL SCIENCE
 DURATION: THREE HOURS (3 HOUR)

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Date: 02.12.2023

Time: 1.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

Instructions

- **Answer FIVE (5) questions only.**
 - **Each question carries equal marks (20 marks).**
 - **Please write in legible handwriting.**
 - **Each answer should be limited to a maximum number of 3 pages only.**
1. Explain the practical significance of studying Political Science for your daily life.
 2. What are some of the major political issues that Sri Lankan people are confronted with today? Briefly analyze **three (03)** issues.
 3. (a). What is State? Define.
 (b). Discuss the significance of **Government** as a major institution of State.
 4. Why is the rule by dictatorship rejected while democracy is preferred by many states world over? Provide at least **four (04)** reasons and analyze them.
 5. “Separation of powers in the Government is an essential pre-condition for a strong democracy.” Discuss with examples from Sri Lanka’s 1978 Constitution.
 6. Explain the reasons why the Marxist ideology inspires some political parties in politics.
 7. What was the political impact of the Donoughmore Reforms for Ceylon during the colonial period? Evaluate.
 8. Discuss the main characteristics of the unwritten Constitution of Britain.

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9. Write short notes on any **Two (02)** of the following topics.

- I. Women's representation in politics.
- II. Liberalism.
- III. Referendum.
- IV. Presidential system in USA.
- V. Lanka Sama Samaja Party.
- VI. National Movement.

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