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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES

BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES

LEVEL IV (SEMESTER I) – 2023/2024

FINAL EXAMINATION

DSU4345: POLITICAL PARTICIPATION, REPRESENTATION AND GOVERNANCE

DURATION: THREE HOURS (3 HOUR)

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Date: 16<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

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**Instructions**

- **Answer five (5) questions only.**
- **Each question carries equal marks (20 marks).**
- **Limit your answer to a maximum of three (3) pages.**
- **Please write in legible handwriting.**

1. Discuss with relevant examples, the benefits and criticisms of participatory governance.
2. Write an essay on why political participation by citizens becomes an important aspect of democratic governance.
3. Using case studies discuss the role of women in South Asian politics while suggesting measures to improve their political participation within the region.
4. Using relevant examples explain Hannah Pitkin's **four (4)** approaches to the concept of representation.
5. Taking the Sri Lankan government as an example, describe how it conducts the key functions of a representative government.
6. What is a 'crisis of political representation'? Explain with examples.
7. Discuss the importance of the idea of 'deepening of democracy' by giving relevant examples.

**P.T.O.**

8. Analyze the advantages and disadvantages of embracing a Mixed Electoral System.
9. Write short notes on any **two (2)** of the following:
- (a) Participatory democracy.
  - (b) Digital democracy.
  - (c) Advantages and disadvantages of the 'First Past the Post' system.
  - (d) Horizontal and vertical governance.

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