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 FINAL EXAMINATION
 DSU4641: LIVING POLITICAL IDEAS
 DURATION: THREE HOURS (3 HOUR)



Date: 02nd December 2023

Time: 1.30 p.m.- 4.30 p.m.

Instructions

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

01. Examine the significance of the existence of different political ideas.
02. “Citizens do not always obey the State”. Explain why with examples?
03. Why do you think political practice should be guided by ethical principles? Discuss.
04. “Human Rights may lead to politics of self-interest”. Do you agree or disagree? Provide reasons for your stance.
05. Why is justice a major political goal? Discuss with examples.
06. How is liberal democracy different from republican democracy? Analyze with examples.
07. “Social discrimination is much aggravated by the existence of economic inequality”. Do you think social democracy can address this issue in today’s context? Debate.
08. Analyze the major political issues that women face within the state today?
09. Write short notes on any **two (02)** of the following. (10x2 = 20 marks)
 - A. Liberty
 - B. Radical Democracy
 - C. Feminism

- D. Civil and political rights
- E. Majoritarianism in democracy
- F. Nazism

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