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FINAL EXAMINATION  
DSU5341- GENDER POLITICS  
DURATION: THREE HOURS (3 HOURS)



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Date: 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Time: 01.30 p.m. – 04.30 p.m.

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**Instructions**

- Answer five (05) questions only.
  - Read the questions very carefully and use examples where necessary to illustrate your answer.
  - Please write in legible handwriting
  - All questions carry equal marks (20 marks).
- 1) “Gender refers to the socio-cultural definitions of men and women, the way societies distinguish men and women and assign them social roles (Kamla Bhasin, 2000)”. Discuss the above statement with relevant examples.
  - 2) Explain at least **four (4)** structures through which patriarchy operates, according to Sylvia Walby (Theorizing Patriarchy, 2006).
  - 3) Traditional meanings of the “International security” have been overturned by feminist scholars in international relations. Do you agree with the above statement? Discuss why.
  - 4) Women still represent a marginal number in electoral politics in Sri Lanka. Explain the challenges in women’s representation in politics with examples.
  - 5) Do you think “unpaid care work” should be considered as an important contribution to the national economies? Give reasons to your answer.
  - 6) Explain the movement of “ecofeminism” with relevant examples.
  - 7) Discuss **two (2)** key features of Gender and Development (GAD) approach with examples.

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- 8) The Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action remains the most comprehensive global policy framework for achieving equality, development and peace for women and girls. Do you agree? Give reasons to your answer.
- 9) Write short notes on **two (02)** of the following: (10 Marks x 2)
- a) The Green Belt Movement
  - b) Post-colonial feminism
  - c) Intersectionality
  - d) Women's activism for peace in Sri Lanka

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