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**THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES**  
**BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL IV**  
**FINAL EXAMINATION 2023/2024 (SEMESTER II)**  
**DSU4642 – POLITICS OF SOUTH ASIA: INTERNAL POLITICAL DYNAMICS**  
**AND EXTRA REGIONAL POWERS**



**DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS) ONLY**

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**Date: 03.08.2024**

**Time: 1.30 pm-4.30 pm**

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**Instructions:**

- **There are Nine (09) questions in this paper.**
- **Answer ONLY Five (05) questions.**
- **Each question carries 20 marks.**

1. Discuss the geopolitical significance of South Asia and its impact on regional and global politics.  
(20 marks)
2. Identify and analyze the main security challenges faced by South Asia today.  
(20 marks)
3. Examine the current trends within South Asia, focusing on the influence of extra-regional powers.  
(20 marks)
4. Compare and contrast the different paths to political transition taken by countries in South Asia.  
(20 marks)
5. Discuss the trends in nation-building in South Asia, highlighting key developments in the region.  
(20 marks)
6. Describe the evolution of political institutions in India and Pakistan, noting similarities and differences.  
(20 marks)

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7. Evaluate the recent trends in bilateral relations between India and Sri Lanka.  
(20 marks)
8. Analyze the evolution of political institutions in Nepal and Bhutan.  
(20 marks)
9. Write short notes on **any two (02)** of the following topics:
- a. Fragile democracies in Bangladesh and the Maldives.
  - b. The role of South Asia in the Non-Aligned Movement.
  - c. Issues in bilateral relations between India and Pakistan.
  - d. Constitutional framework of Bangladesh.
  - e. The role of the US and EU in South Asia.
- (10 marks each)

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