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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL V
FINAL EXAMINATION 2023/2024 (SEMESTER II)
DSU5346 – CYBER POLITICS & THE STATE



DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS) ONLY

Date: 04.08.2024

Time: 9.30 am-12.30 pm

Instructions:

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

1. Define cyberspace and explain the roles of the state and netizens within it. (20 marks)
2. What are virtual states, and how do they differ from traditional states? (20 marks)
3. Discuss the concept of cyber power and its significance in modern geopolitics. (20 marks)
4. Explain the relationship between liberty and cyber freedom. (20 marks)
5. How does virtual reality challenge the notion of a borderless world? (20 marks)
6. Identify and describe the main types of cyber conflicts and cyber wars. (20 marks)
7. What role does cyber civil society play in modern activism? (20 marks)
8. Compare dystopian and utopian perspectives on cyborgs and cybersex. (20 marks)

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

- a. Regulation and control of cyberspace.
- b. Cybersecurity.
- c. Cyber anarchy.
- d. Sri Lanka's attempts to regulate cyberspace.
- e. Digital divide.

(10 marks each)

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