



THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
MA IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES AND PUBLIC POLICY
LEVEL IX - DSP9406 POLITICS OF DEVELOPMENT
FINAL EXAMINATION – 2023/2024
DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 09.11.2024

Time: 01.30 p.m. – 04.30 p.m.

Instructions: Answer any five (5) questions. All questions carry equal marks (20 marks each). Provide detailed responses, demonstrating critical understanding and analysis. Use relevant examples where applicable.

- 01). How do political systems influence developmental processes? Explain.
- 02). Discuss the stages of political modernization and its relevance to state-building and governance in modern contexts.
- 03). While defining democracy, critically analyze how Sri Lanka's democratic processes have evolved over time and contributed to challenges undermining its democratic principles.
- 04). The pursuit of the common good impact policy-making and political stability. Do you agree? Support your answer with examples.
- 05). Evaluate the development of the welfare state and its connection to the social contract theory.
- 06). How have theories of justice shaped political thought and policy in the modern era? Explain.
- 07). Do you think that pre-modern political systems have any impact on contemporary societies. Justify your answer.
- 08). Analyze how liberal and socialist ideologies have shaped Sri Lanka's political system.
- 09). Write concise analytical notes on any two (2) of the following topics.

(10 marks x2 = 20 marks)

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| a. The State and Citizenship | b. Political Ideology and Development |
| c. Political Institutions and Social Conflicts | d. Education as a Public Good |