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 FINAL EXAMINATION 2024/2025



DURATION: THREE HOURS

Date: 29/03/2025

Time: 09.30 a.m. – 12.30 a.m.

Instructions:

- (a) Answer FIVE Questions Only.
- (b) Ensure that your answers are well structured: Introduction, Body and Conclusion
- (c) Each question carries TWENTY (20) Marks.

1. "Inclusive and egalitarian ethos relating to national development is what we need in the context of post-uprising nation building in Sri Lanka." Discuss the significance of this statement.
2. 'Masters of the People', as against 'Servants of the People', appear to be more in harmony with post-colonial political regimes, while colonial powers have reformed their own systems for accountability. Explain with reference to core principles of 'Servant Leadership' inspired by Mahatma Gandhi.
3. The inability of political regimes to make sense of grand concepts such as 'Common Good', and 'Social Contract' has made stakeholder publics lose confidence in the prevailing order. Critically discuss these concepts.
4. "Democratic Good Governance principles form the foundation for holistic societal well-being". Discuss five major principles that should be given pride of place for greater democratization of Sri Lankan society.
5. Social democratic principles help to ensure the greater good of society having experienced the excesses of extreme capitalism and socialism. Explain the potential of this ideology.
6. No society can prosper without subscribing to 'Shared Values'. Explain its significance with inspiration from Singapore as a Model City State in South-East Asia.
7. The international conventions and resolutions on democratic rule inspired by the United Nations need passionate commitment on the part of the people and their governments. Discuss.

8. It is argued that the process of development becomes meaningless if people have a poor quality of life with collective 'happiness' undermined. Critically explain with reference to quality of happiness as a concept.
9. Acute centralization of power remains part of the dominant ideology, even in countries that are battered by ethno-political crises. Critically discuss the potential as well as constraints to power sharing in Sri Lanka.

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