

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
 BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL IV
 FINAL EXAMINATION 2024/2025 (SEMESTER I)
 DSU4343 – POLITICS OF SRI LANKA: INSTITUTIONS AND PROCESSES
 DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS ONLY



Date: 20th of April 2025

Time: 1.30 p.m.- 4.30 p.m.

Instructions:

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

1. Analyze how Sri Lanka's post-independence political history was shaped by key events between 1980 and 1990.
(20 Marks)
2. How have ethnic political parties in Sri Lanka influenced national politics? Explain with examples.
(20 Marks)
3. Describe how the legislature functioned during Sri Lanka's constitutional reforms post-independence, using examples.
(20 Marks)
4. Analyze the concept of 'coalition politics' with reference to post-independence trends in Sri Lanka.
(20 Marks)
5. Compare the powers of the Prime Minister under the 1972 Constitution with the powers of the Executive President under the 1978 Constitution.
(20 Marks)

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6. Examine the impact of British colonial rule on the diversification of Sri Lanka's economy.
(20 Marks)
7. 'Constitutions often promise judicial independence, but it may not always be upheld.'
Discuss.
(20 Marks)
8. What practical policy measures can be introduced to ensure Sri Lanka's public service operates independently, free from excessive political influence? Explain.
(20 Marks)
9. Discuss **two (02)** of the following concepts.
- Emergence of modern civil society in Sri Lanka.
 - Sinhala Only Act.
 - Proportional representation.

(10x2 = 20 Marks)

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