

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA  
 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES  
 BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL 4  
 FINAL EXAMINATION – 2024/2025 (Semester I)  
 DSU4345 – POLITICAL PARTICIPATION, REPRESENTATION AND  
 GOVERNANCE  
 DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS ONLY



Date: 20.04.2025

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.

01. What is the role of civil society in political participation? Discuss with examples.

(20 Marks)

02. Explain the concept of participatory government by providing **three (03)** examples.

(20 marks)

03. Describe the key functions of a representative government with examples from Sri Lanka.

(20 marks)

04. Evaluate the steps taken by Sri Lanka to increase women's representation in local government bodies.

(20 marks)

05. What does a '**crisis of political representation**' mean? Explain with examples.

(20 marks)

06. Analyze the socio-economic and political factors that discourage political participation of minorities in any South Asian country.

(20 marks)

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07. Analyze the reasons behind the current trends in public protests in Sri Lanka, using the “*Aragalaya*”/ “*Porattam*” movement as a case study. (20 marks)
08. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of Sri Lanka’s Proportional Representation (PR) system by using **three (03)** examples. (20 marks)
09. Write short notes on any **two (02)** of the following:
- a) Other actors in political participation.
  - b) Citizenship and politics.
  - c) Role of media in democracy.
  - d) Horizontal and vertical governance. (10 marks each)

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