

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
 BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL V
 FINAL EXAMINATION 2024/2025 (SEMESTER I)
 DSU5345 – STATE, SOCIETY AND CITIZENS: NORMATIVE
 DIMENSIONS OF POLITICAL LIFE
 DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS ONLY



Date: 05th 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. Why is 'social democracy' a better way to address criticisms of the 'neoliberal state'?
Support your argument with examples.

(20 Marks)

2. Explore the socialist perspective on collective freedom, using examples from everyday life.

(20 Marks)

3. Does new media improve state-society relations more than it harms them? Explain your view.

(20 Marks)

4. How does majoritarian democracy impact a country? Give examples from **two (02)** different countries.

(20 Marks)

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5. Why is political inclusion important for LGBTQ people? Discuss with examples from **two (02)** different countries.
(20 Marks)
6. What is democratic backsliding, and how does it affect ordinary people? Provide your personal experiences as examples.
(20 Marks)
7. T.H. Marshall argues that civil and political rights alone are not enough for full citizenship without social rights. Do you agree? Explain.
(20 Marks)
8. Have Sri Lankans fully grasped their political agency? Support your answer with examples from Sri Lanka.
(20 Marks)
9. Discuss **two (02)** of the following concepts:
- a. Multicultural citizenship
 - b. Non-discrimination
 - c. Non-violent protest and resistance

(10x2 = 20 Marks)

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