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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES

BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES - LEVEL IV

FINAL EXAMINATION 2024/2025 (SEMESTER II)

DSU4642 – POLITICS OF SOUTH ASIA: INTERNAL POLITICAL DYNAMICS AND
EXTRA REGIONAL POWERS

DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS ONLY



Date: 03.08.2025

Time: 09.30am – 12.30pm

Instructions:

- Answer five (05) questions only.
- Read the questions very carefully and use examples where necessary to illustrate your answer.
- Please write in legible handwriting
- All questions carry equal marks (20 marks).

1. Analyze the current political, economic, and security challenges in South Asia.
(20 Marks)
2. Out of the Indian and Bangladesh constitutional frameworks, which one most effectively ensures stability in a post-colonial state? Justify your answer.
(20 Marks)
3. “South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), as a regional organization, plays no major role in South Asian regional integration; it is more a victim of circumstances than a reflection of its capabilities.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
(20 Marks)
4. Examine the viable approaches for resolving the India-Pakistan conflict.
(20 Marks)
5. Assess Indian supremacy in South Asia and its impact on the regional smaller states.
(20 Marks)

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6. Explain dynamics, and policies used by the South Asian powers in dealing with the extra-regional powers.

(20 Marks)

7. Western powers influenced the shaping of regional stability in South Asia. Do you agree? Discuss with supporting arguments.

(20 Marks)

8. Analyze the challenges Sri Lanka has faced in its nation-building process since independence.

(20 Marks)

9. Write short notes on **two (02)** of the following.

- I. Nationalism
- II. South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)
- III. Democratization
- IV. Fragile democracy
- V. Emergency Regime

(10 marks each)

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