

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES - LEVEL IV
FINAL EXAMINATION 2024/2025 (SEMESTER II)
DSU4346 – PUBLIC POLICY AND ADMINISTRATION
DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS ONLY



Date: 10. 08. 2025

Time: 09.30 a.m. -12.30 p.m.

Instructions :

- Answer five (05) questions only.
- All questions carry equal marks (20 marks).

QUESTIONS

01. Critically analyse the evolution of public administration paradigms from classical bureaucracy to contemporary governance.
(20 Marks)
02. Discuss the interdependent relationship between public administration and public policy in contemporary governance.
(20 Marks)
03. Analyse how the effectiveness of public administration influences the success or failure of public policy. Support your arguments with contemporary policy examples.
(20 Marks)
04. Critically assess the role of international organizations in shaping global public policy agendas.
(20 Marks)
05. Evaluate the impact of decentralization on the balance of power between central and local governments in public administration.
(20 Marks)
06. Examine the evolution of development administration in Sri Lanka.
(20 Marks)

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07. Examine the development of Public Administration as an academic and professional field from its inception to the present day.

(20 Marks)

08. Analyse the rising significance of management practices in public affairs and the public sector.

(20 Marks)

09. Propose a meaningful mechanism to involve academia and researchers in national policy-making processes.

(20 Marks)

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