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 DSU4356 – POLITICS & SOCIAL MOVEMENT
 DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS)



Date: 17. 08. 2025

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

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer only five (05) questions. Each question carries twenty (20) marks.

01. Robert Michels' book titled 'Iron Law of Oligarchy' (1911) suggest that "almost all the organizations in a society are handled by few families of a country". Examine this statement with relevant examples.
02. Can functionalist theory be applied to explain the dynamics of contemporary local politics? Discuss with examples.
03. Imagine that you have been invited to deliver a speech on the topic "Political Mobilization of Estate Tamils in Sri Lanka" at a workshop organized for the political mobilization of newly elected young members of the local councils in Sri Lanka. What points will you highlight in your speech?
04. Explain the role of professionals' involvement as catalysts for social change with special reference to the Sri Lankan context.
05. Critically analyze the role of religious movements in Sri Lanka in shaping local political dynamics.
06. Analyze the influence of diaspora in shaping contemporary Sri Lankan politics.
07. Analyze with examples the challenges faced by Sri Lankan women in political participation in the contemporary context.
08. Analyze the impact of social movements in the election campaign that brought the current government to power in Sri Lanka.
09. Write short notes on four (04) of the following:
 - a. Political culture.
 - b. Elite circulation
 - c. Political ecology
 - d. Environmental movements.
 - e. Online campaigning
 - f. Human suffering

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