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BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES - LEVEL V
FINAL EXAMINATION - 2024/2025 (SEMESTER II)
DSU5346 – CYBER POLITICS AND THE STATE
DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS ONLY



Date: 23.08.2025

Time: 09.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Instructions:

- **Answer ONLY Five (05) questions.**
- **Each question carries 20 marks.**

1. Using examples, explain how the rise of the internet has challenged the traditional understanding of the state.
(Marks 20)
2. Explain what netizens are, and the role they play in shaping online communities and digital culture.
(Marks 20)
3. Discuss how cyber power influences international relations in a digital age.
(Marks 20)
4. “The digital divide is often seen as a major challenge to achieving true democratic equality in the digital age.” Do you agree with this statement? Justify your answer with examples.
(Marks 20)
5. Using examples, discuss how cyber conflicts have changed the nature of warfare and international security in the 21st century.
(Marks 20)
6. Explain with relevant examples how cyberspace influences political movements and activism.
(Marks 20)
7. Using relevant examples, discuss the extent to which the people of Sri Lanka are guaranteed online freedom by the state.
(Marks 20)

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8. Imagine you have been assigned to develop a cyber regulatory framework for your country after recent cyber-attacks on critical infrastructure. Explain what key measures you would include in your proposal to strengthen national cyber security.

(Marks 20)

9. Answer any **two (02)** of the following:

- a. Impact of Social Media on Elections.
- b. Economic Development and Digital Divide.
- c. Internet Censorship.
- d. The Role of Virtual Spaces in Shaping Real-World Identities.

(10 marks each)

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