

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL V
FINAL EXAMINATION – 2024/2025 (SEMESTER II)
DSU5347– LAW AND POLITICS
DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS ONLY



Date: 30.08.2025

Time: 01.30p.m. – 04.30p.m.

Instructions:

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

1. Evaluate the significance of upholding the 'Rule of Law' for the economic growth and development of Sri Lanka.

(20 Marks)

2. Assess the significance of the development of International Human Rights Law (IHRL) within the framework of International Law? Illustrate your answer with relevant examples.

(20 Marks)

3. Do you agree that law is both a tool for government to influence society and a framework for regulating government itself? Explain with examples.

(20 Marks)

4. Examine **three (03)** main international conventions related to refugees, discussing their significance and impact on global refugee protection today. Support your analysis with relevant examples.

(20 Marks)

5. Define and differentiate between the concepts of 'State Sovereignty' and 'Popular Sovereignty'.

(20 Marks)

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6. Discuss the importance of the 'Separation of Power' principle, providing at least **two (02)** examples to support your discussion.

(20 Marks)

7. Identify **two (02)** citizenship-related acts passed in Sri Lanka and analyze their impact on different communities.

(20 Marks)

8. Discuss the challenges of international law on 'War and peace' and the role of international cooperations in addressing these challenges and preventing violations.

(20 Marks)

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

- a) R2P (Responsibility to Protect) norm in international law.
- b) Dual Citizenship.
- c) International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR).
- d) Modern political theory.

(10 marks each)

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