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BACHELOR OF SCIENCES – LEVEL 3 (2025/ 2026)
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DSU3298 – INTRODUCTION TO SRI LANKAN SOCIETY



DURATION: TWO HOURS (02 HOURS)

Date: 30. 11. 2025

Time: 01.30 p.m. to 03.30 p.m.

Answer only FOUR (04) questions. Each question carries 25 marks.

1. What were the reasons that led the colonialists to focus their attention on Sri Lanka? Explain with examples.
2. Describe the effects of the Colebrook-Cameron reforms of 1833 on Sri Lankan society.
3. Compare and contrast main features of the parliamentary and presidential government systems with relevant examples.
4. What is a semi-presidential government? Explain with examples.
5. Discuss with examples the diversity of Sri Lankan society as a multicultural society.
6. 'Montesquieu emphasized the fact that there must be separation of powers if liberty is to be safeguarded.' Discuss this statement with examples.
7. Describe the similarities and differences between Sinhalese and Tamil kinship systems in Sri Lanka with relevant examples.
8. Explain the main factors that influence social mobility in contemporary Sri Lanka.
9. Write short notes on any four (04) of the following:
 - a. The Dutch legal system
 - b. Ethnic identities in Sri Lanka
 - c. The Sinhala only Act
 - d. Collective responsibility
 - e. The role of NGOs in contemporary Sri Lanka
 - f. Muslim Kinship system
 - g. Global warming

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