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FINAL EXAMINATION



DSU4343: POLITICS OF SRI LANKA: INSTITUTIONS AND PROCESSES

DURATION: THREE HOURS (3 HOURS)

Date: 19th January 2019

Time: 01.30p.m. – 04.30p.m.

Instructions

- Answer **Five (05)** questions only.
 - Read the questions very carefully and use examples where necessary to illustrate your answer.
 - Please write in legible handwriting.
 - All questions carry equal marks (20 marks).
1. “There was a social space for mobilization of people for collective actions in the mid – nineteenth century in Ceylon which caused for the emergence of the modern civil society”. Discuss this statement.
 2. Discuss with examples both Bi- Cameral and Uni- Cameral legislatures.
 3. Analyze the status of minorities under the 1947 Soulbury Constitution.
 4. How do people respond to the political crises? Discuss this by using recent examples from Sri Lanka.
 5. Although the independence of judiciary is guaranteed by the Constitution, people can argue that in practice the independence of the judiciary is challenged. Discuss your view on this using the 1978 Constitution as an example.
 6. Define coalitions and coalition governments, and explain why coalitions are formed?
 7. Discuss the social, economic and political conditions which led to the emergence of armed insurgencies in Sri Lanka.
 8. Discuss at least two principles of the Westminster Parliament model in relation to Sri Lanka’s political system.
 9. “Under the 1972 Constitution power has been centralized to the National State Assembly (NSA)”. Analyze this statement.

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10. Write short notes on two (02) of the following: (10 marks each).

- I. Ethno- nationalism.
- II. New Left parties
- III. Colonial legacy in social life
- IV. State Service Advisory Board and State Service Disciplinary Board.

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