

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA  
 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES  
 BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES  
 LEVEL IV (SEMESTER I) – 2018/2019  
 FINAL EXAMINATION  
 DSU4641- LIVING POLITICAL IDEAS  
 DURATION: THREE HOURS (3 HOURS)



Date: 06<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Time: 01.30 p.m. – 04.30 p.m.

**Instructions**

- Answer any five (05) Questions
- All questions carry equal marks (20 marks)

- 01). i. Describe the evolutionary process of human rights (8 marks).  
 ii. Briefly analyze how politics of human rights operates in the current world order by providing two examples (12 Marks).
- 02). Explain the differences between ancient political thought and modern political thought on the concept of equality.
- 03). i. What is liberty? Explain (12 Marks).  
 ii. Explain the Marxist political stance on liberty (8 Marks).
- 04). “Democracy is achieved only when people have a role in its process”. Analyze this statement with reference to the Republican political ideas on democracy.
- 05). “Representative democracy in the Third World is in crisis today”. Analyze this statement in relation to recent developments in Sri Lanka.
- 06). What are the major theoretical explanations criticizing the flaws of liberal democracy?
- 07). “Violence is endemic in politics”. Analyze this statement referring to Gandhi and Havel.
- 08). How should majoritarianism in Sri Lanka’s polity be changed with a pluralistic direction? Explain your answer.
- 09). Explain John Rawl’s theory of social justice.
- 10). Write short notes on two (02) of the following topics: (10 Marks X 2).  
 a. Feminist theory of emancipation  
 b. Environmental politics  
 c. Constitutionalism  
 d. Non-violence  
 e. Natural Rights  
 f. Contractarianism