THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
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BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES
LEVEL V (SEMESTER I) – 2018/2019
FINAL EXAMINATION
DSU5345/SSU3145 STATE, SOCIETY AND CITIZENS: NORMATIVE
DIMENSIONS OF POLITICAL LIFE

DURATION: THREE HOURS (3 HOURS)

Date: 26th January 2019	Time: 09.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.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)*

01). What is freedom? Explain it in relation to the contemporary debate on the LGBTQ movement in Sri Lanka.

02). Analyze the nature of state-society relations in a democracy by providing examples.

03). "Nationalism as an ideology has redirected state-society relations in Sri Lanka in the post-war scenario". Explain this statement by using examples.

04). "Inequality leads to loss of human dignity and human rights". Do you agree with this statement? Explain reasons for your stance.

05). Why has the modern nation state failed, at most instances, to become the ultimate source of justice for all human beings under its authority? Analyze.

06). In what ways can 'the state and citizen' relationship be improved in the contemporary political setting? Explain.

07). What are the different forms of citizenship and how do they differ from each other? Analyze.   (PTO)

08). What is your viewpoint on the current debate on the Constitutional process in Sri Lanka? Explain how this debate can be used to reshape the existing relationship between the majority and the minority.

09). What is the role of mass media in a culturally plural society? Explain with examples.

10). Select **any two (02)** of the following philosophers/activists and briefly explain the major philosophical/theoretical contribution made by them on normative politics. **(10 marks each)**

  a) Immanuel Kant
  b) Karl Marx
  c) Mahatma Gandhi
  d) John Rawls