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BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – 2015/2016
FINAL EXAMINATION – LEVEL 4 (1ST SEMESTER)
SSU2143 – POLITICS OF SRI LANKA INSTITUTIONS AND PROCESSES

DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS)

Date: 22nd November 2015

Time: 01.30 p.m. – 04.30 p.m.

Instructions:

- *Answer four (04) questions only.*
- *Read the question carefully.*
- *Use examples where necessary to illustrate your arguments.*
- *Please write in legible handwriting.*
- *All questions carry equal marks.*

1. “Some significant legislative policies and judicial determinations were introduced during the period of governance under the Soulbury Constitution”
 - i) Discuss some of those legislative policies of the Soulbury Constitution, which had negative implications for the minority communities.
 - ii) Point out some of the judicial determinations introduced under the Soulbury Constitution and discuss the adverse effect of them on the minority.
2. Compare and contrast the key features of the Westminster and the Executive Presidential models of government.
3.
 - i) “The Senate was a unique legislative chamber created under the Soulbury Constitution.” Discuss the main arguments in favor of establishing the Senate.
 - ii) “The Senate was abolished on the 2nd October 1971”. Discuss the main arguments in favor of abolishing the Senate
4.
 - i) List the key features of the Executive Presidency model introduced in 1978.
 - ii) Discuss the main criticisms against the current Constitution in Sri Lanka.

5. "Sections 107-115 of the 1978 Constitution spell out the provisions which establish the Judiciary"
 - i) Discuss the provisions in respect of the independence of the Judiciary in 1978 Constitution
 - ii) Discuss the provisions that may hinder the independence of the Judiciary in 1978 Constitution
6. "Coalition politics has enabled many small and ethnic- minority parties to enjoy political power". Discuss the history of the Sri Lankan coalition governments during the post-independence era.
7. Discuss the major factors which may cause the youth in Sri Lanka to become rebellious against the state.
8. Compare and contrast the provisions relating to the Public Service Commission under the Soulbury, the 1972, and the 1978 Constitutions. You may organize your answer under the following themes.
 - i) Appointment of commission members
 - ii) Powers and functions of the Commission
 - iii) Independence of the Commissions
9. Write Short notes on any **four (04)** of the following.
 - i. Ethno-nationalism
 - ii. Collective responsibility
 - iii. Bureaucracy
 - iv. Bi-cameral legislature
 - v. Coalition politics
 - vi. Women and Politics
 - vii. Intra-party democracy

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