

**THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES**  
**BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – (2015/2016)**  
**FINAL EXAMINATION – LEVEL IV (SEMESTER II)**  
**SSU2156 – POLITICS AND SOCIAL MOVEMENTS**  
**DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS)**



**Date: 02.04.2016**

**Time: 1.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.**

**Answer five (05) questions only. Each question carries 20 marks.**

1. Is there a link between party politics and social movements? Discuss citing relevant examples.
2. Can professionals decisively challenge any political regimes? Discuss with special reference to Sri Lankan government change which took place on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015.
3. “Monks or any other religious leaders cannot take part in party politics if there is no request and justification from the society.” Assess this statement.
4. Describe ways and means through which Sri Lankan politics has been internationalised.
5. Discuss the contribution made by women in shaping politics and social movements in Sri Lanka.
6. Can people’s protests or movements be used to ensure better development of a society? Discuss this in relation to urban housing development projects in Sri Lanka.
7. At the moment the newly elected Sri Lankan government is considering the development of a new constitution for Sri Lanka. In this context as a student of sociology explain the issues that the government should take into consideration.
8. How far are politics or social movements successful in fulfilling the aspirations of the citizens of a society? Discuss.
9. Write short notes on any **four (4)** of the following:
  - (i) Elite circulation theory.
  - (ii) Creating good governance in Sri Lanka.
  - (iii) Transnational state.
  - (iv) Political asylum seekers.
  - (v) The cry for creating a group of “good politicians”.
  - (vi) The prevalence of caste and class in Sri Lankan politics.
  - (vii) Political mobilisation of people.