

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
 BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – (2017/2018)
 FINAL EXAMINATION – LEVEL IV (SEMESTER II)
 SSU2156 / DSU4356– POLITICS AND SOCIAL MOVEMENTS
 DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS)



Date: 19.05.2018

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 politics and social movements? Discuss quoting relevant examples.
2. "Sri Lankan politicians exploit human suffering to gain political mileages in their party politics" Argue.
3. Why is it assumed by some that Sri Lankan women are more concerned with domestic matters than engaging in public or political activities? Explain.
4. In today's context people engage in more and more online political and social campaigns, online petition signing, protesting or resisting against state policies, etc., Compare and contrast the similarities and differences between conventional mode of campaigning and online campaigning.
5. Discuss the connection between religion and party politics in Sri Lanka. You can take examples from any religion in the discussion.
6. Do social movements form social organisations or Social organisations form social movements? Debate.
7. "The only way out of the Sri Lankan ethnic problem is introducing a new constitution for the country." Do you agree with this statement? Discuss.
8. Describe the contribution of labour or social movements in improving socio-economic conditions of the plantation Tamil community of Sri Lanka.
9. Write short notes on any **Four (4)** of the following:
 - (i) Give a very brief note on any selected social movement in Lanka.
 - (ii) The political culture of Sri Lanka.
 - (iii) Women in Sri Lankan labour movements.
 - (iv) Sri Lankan diaspora in western countries.
 - (v) The benefit of having SLFP and UNP led coalition government in Sri Lanka.
 - (vi) The role of the opposition in Sri Lankan parliament.
 - (vii) Professional power in forming powerful social movements.