

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES
LEVEL 3 (SEMESTER II) – 2017/2018
FINAL EXAMINATION



DSU 3542/ SSU 1242: POLITICS AND GOVERNANCE: AN INTRODUCTION

DURATION: THREE HOURS (3 HOURS)

Date: 12.05.2018

Time: 09.30a.m. – 12.30p.m.

Instructions

- Answer Five (05) questions only.
 - Each question carries equal marks (20marks x5)
 - Use of examples where relevant will be reward more marks.
 - Please write in legible handwriting
1. i. What is Politics? (10 Marks)
ii. What is Political Power? (10 Marks)
 2. How does politics affect the daily life of an individual? Explain with examples. (20 Marks)
 3. Describe the major features of various focuses on the study of politics. (20 Marks)
 4. Describe the major functions of Government. (20 Marks)
 5. Explain the relationship between society and politics. (20 Marks)
 6. Explain the concept of power in relation to the ideas of Gramsci and Foucault. (20 Marks)
 7. i. What is Governance? (10 Marks)
ii. What are the major features of the Liberal Tradition of Governance? (10 Marks)
 8. Explain the major criticism against democratic governance. (20 Marks)
 9. i. Explain the role of citizens in democratic politics. (10 Marks)
ii. Analyze the constraints for women's political participation. (10 marks)

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10. Discuss state reforms and institutional provisions as solutions to address minority grievances. (20 marks)
11. Write short notes on two (02) of the following topics. (10X2 Marks)
- a. Democracy and Majority Rule
 - b. Politics of Social Classes
 - c. Limits of State Power
 - d. Democratization

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