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 LEVEL 4 (SEMESTER II) – 2017/2018
 FINAL EXAMINATION



DSU 4642/ SSU 2242: POLITICS OF SOUTH ASIA : INTERNAL DYNAMICS & EXTRA REGIONAL POWERS

DURATION: THREE HOURS (3 HOURS)

Date: 13.05.2018

Time: 01.30p.m. – 04.30p.m.

Instructions

- Answer five (05) questions only.
 - Each question carries equal marks.
 - Use of examples where necessary will reward more marks.
 - Please write in legible handwriting
1. “SAARC as a regional organization has failed to achieve its objectives”. Discuss this statement.
 2. “Environmental degradation poses a greater security threat than terrorism to South Asia”. Analyse this statement focusing broadly on the concept of security complexes.
 3. What is the historical background of alliance formation in South Asia?
 4. Why do you think that political transitions and democratization in South Asia has taken different paths? Discuss.
 5. Analyze with examples the major challenges to nation building in South Asia.
 6. Describe the evolution of democratic political institutions of India or Pakistan.
 7. What are the major causes that make democracies in South Asia look fragile? Explain.
 8. Analyze the role of extra regional powers in South Asia after the Cold War.
 9. Examine the major landmarks in Sri Lanka-India relations during the post-independence period?

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10. Write short notes on two (02) of the following topics. (10X2 Marks)

- a. Indo-Pakistan bilateral relations
- b. Nepal-India bilateral relations
- c. US and China in the Indian Ocean
- d. Issues of democratization in South Asia
- e. Retarded regionalism in South Asia.

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