

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
 BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES- (SEMESTER II) – 2018/2019
 FINAL EXAMINATION - LEVEL III
 DSU3542/ SSU1242 POLITICS AND GOVERNANCE: AN INTRODUCTION



DURATION: THREE HOURS (3 HOURS)

Date: 06th July 2019

Time: 09.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Instructions

- Answer five (05) questions only.
 - Use examples where necessary.
 - Please write in legible handwriting.
 - Each question carries equal (20) marks.
1. By giving examples discuss how politics operates in our day today life.
 2. Examine the basic aspects of Political Science inquiry.
 3. Define the concept of state and analyze what is meant by state power.
 4. “Sri Lanka is a plural political community”. Analyze this statement.
 5. Explain the challenges faced by democratic governance.
 6. “Governments increase surveillance and implement excessive securitization measures in crisis situations restricting the fundamental rights of citizens”. Examine this statement by using examples.
 7. Discuss with examples how citizens participate in politics.
 8. Examine the critique of feminist scholars on exclusion of women in politics.
 9. Discuss the politics of social classes referring to class and Caste.
 10. Write short Notes on two (02) of the following topics.
 - I. Republican tradition of democracy
 - II. Citizenship
 - III. Concept of hegemony
 - IV. Civil society
 - V. Minorities in majoritarian democracy
 - VI. Hannah Arendt and the concept of power
 - VII. Nation making