

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES - LEVEL 4
FINAL EXAMINATION (SEMESTER II) – 2018/2019



DSU4642 -POLITICS OF SOUTH ASIA: INTERNAL DYNAMICS & EXTRA REGIONAL POWERS

DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS ONLY

Date: 13th July 2019.

Time: 01.30 pm – 04.30 pm

Instructions

- Answer only **five (05)** questions.
- Each question carries **20** marks.
- Use of examples where necessary will be rewarded with more marks.
- Please write clearly.

01. Describe South Asia as a significant geo-political region in Asia today.
02. Critically examine the role of SAARC in addressing common regional issues.
03. Describe how fragile democracies in South Asia affect the regional economic and political cooperation.
04. “SAARC’s objectives should be revisited by giving considerable attention to regional security”. Do you agree or disagree with this statement? Discuss critically.
05. By referring to two states in South Asia, discuss the challenges confronting the nation-building processes in the region.
06. Critically examine the nature of military regimes in South Asia with examples.
07. Describe why institutionalization of democracy in South Asia remains weak with special reference to Pakistan.
08. Do you think that India plays a hegemonic role in South Asian politics? Explain.
09. Write short notes on **two (02)** of the following topics (**10 x 2=20** marks).
 - a) Regionalism and South Asia
 - b) South Asia and the Non-Aligned Movement
 - c) Non-traditional security threats in South Asia
 - d) Main features of the Indian Constitution
 - e) Terrorism in South Asia.