

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – 2018/2019
FINAL EXAMINATION (SEMESTER II) - LEVEL 5
DSU5346: CYBER POLITICS AND STATE



DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 28.07.2019

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Instructions:

- Answer **ONLY five (05)** questions.
- Each question carries **twenty (20)** marks.
- Please write clearly.

1. “Cyberspace provides immense freedom for many actors to engage in politics”. Critically discuss this statement by referring to examples.
2. “The paradox of power in cyberspace is its ability to liberate and dominate simultaneously”. Examine this statement in relation to the concept of cyber power.
3. Why do governments regulate and censor cyberspace? Discuss with examples.
4. “Information revolution has greatly transformed the traditional notion of security”. Discuss with examples.
5. “Cyberspace is increasingly becoming an anti-state and ant-social realm”. Critically examine this statement.
6. Critically analyze how digital divide leads to social inequalities and problems in democracy.
7. Discuss how cyberspace has altered international relations by referring to relevant examples.
8. “Virtual state is rising while the state is facing a legitimacy crisis”. Critically examine this statement.
9. “Sri Lanka faced a prolonged ethnic war much due to the effective use of cyberspace by one of its major parties, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE)”. Discuss.
10. Write short notes on any **two (02)** of the following topics:
 - a) New media and politics
 - b) Production of cyberspace
 - c) Democratization and cyberspace
 - d) Cyberspace for self-government
 - e) Cyber conflict

(10 Marks X 2)