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 DSP9406 – POLITICS OF DEVELOPMENT
 FINAL EXAMINATION- 2019
 DURATION: THREE HOURS



Date: 20th July 2019

Time: 9.30 am- 12.30 pm

Answer Four Questions Only.
 Each question carries Twenty (25) Marks.

1. The Special Resolution of the UN General Assembly in 2004 on core elements of democratic rule has a timeless significance. Critically discuss.
2. The absence of a proper Social Contract makes those in government as well as the people become indifferent to democratic government. Explain why this is so?
3. The crisis relating to religious freedom in Sri Lanka could be sorted out with inspiration from the Indian or the American Model of Secularism. Explain the significance of one of the two Models.
4. Responsive state building demands the fulfilment of several key conditions? Discuss.
5. It is not rational to argue that the Presidential System of government should be abolished simply because some have abused power under this system. Discuss.
6. The quality of life of the people is undermined in the absence of proper adherence to Good Governance principles. Discuss with reference to Sri Lankan ground realities.
7. It is flawed and even dangerous to argue that national development depends on a 'Strongman' at the helm of government. Explain what political leadership means from a holistic angle.
8. True appreciation of the concept of 'Common Good' leads to pragmatic policy development and implementation that would make sustainable development a reality. Explain with reference to a key sector in national development where such an expectation has been honored holistically.
9. Why is the study of power quite complex? Explain with reference to the contribution of Foucault.