

**THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
FOUNDATION PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL II
FINAL EXAMINATION – 2006
ELEMENTS OF POLITICAL SCIENCE - SSF 2301**



DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 19th November 2006

Time: 1.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Answer five (05) questions only. Each question carries 20 marks.

1. What is government? Explain with special reference to Democracy as a form of government. (20 marks)
2. What is the basis for Separation of Powers? Explain with reference to the contribution made by Montesquieu. (20 marks)
3. (a) Do you consider the Sri Lankan national movement as a freedom movement? Discuss. (10 marks)
(b) What were the shortcomings of Sri Lanka's national movement? (10 marks)
4. (a) List the key constitutional reforms introduced by the Colebrook Cameron Commission. (10 marks)
(b) What were the social and economic impacts of the reforms introduced by the Colebrook Cameron Commission? (10 marks)
5. (a) Explain the election system of Proportional Representation (PR System). (10 marks)
(b) Proportional Representation System is better than the Single Member Election System (Simple Plurality System). Discuss (10 marks)
6. Discuss four major reform proposals introduced by the Donoughmore Commission. (20 marks)
7. Discuss the following in relation to the First Republican Constitution of Sri Lanka introduced in 1972.
(a) Electing the members of the National State Assembly
(b) Prime Minister
(c) Powers of the President
(d) Judicial System (4 x 5 = 20 marks)
8. (a) What were the main features of the Executive System of Government of 1978? (10 marks)
(b) Critically analyse the powers of the Executive President in accordance with Second Republican Constitution of 1978. (10 marks)

9. Write short notes on any **four (04)** of the following concepts.

- (i) Referendum
- (ii) Fundamental rights
- (iii) Independence of the Judiciary
- (iv) Ombudsman
- (v) Soulbury Commission

(4 x 5 = 20 marks)

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