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 SSP1225/1218 - POLITICAL FUNDAMENTALS OF DEVELOPMENT



DURATION – THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 26th November 2011

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Answer four (04) questions.
 Each question carries 25 marks.

1. “The primary function of the modern state is to govern a society and solve social problems by making appropriate policies.” Discuss, focusing on the functions of the modern state.
2. What is meant by nation building? Explain the different strategies adopted by the modern state to deal with cultural and ethnic diversities which has the potentiality to divide the nation.
3. Briefly explain the social contract theory as presented by Thomas Hobbes and John Locke.
4. Distinguish between the Federal system of government and the Unitary system of government focusing on the performance of both systems.
5. Describe the major components of democratic governance and explain the importance of the role of civil society in democratic governance.
6. “Compared with the Cabinet system of government the Presidential system is less democratic but facilitates a more efficient process of governance.” Comment.
7. Write short notes on any **three (03)** of the following:
 - (i) Sovereignty
 - (ii) Authority
 - (iii) Power
 - (iv) Legitimacy
8. What are the main functions of the welfare state? Make an assessment of the role of the welfare state in Sri Lanka. How is it different from the welfare state of the developed countries?