

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
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FINAL EXAMINATION – 2019
DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS



Date: 13th January 2019

Time: 1.30p.m. – 04.30 p.m.

Instructions:

Answer four (04) questions only.

1. Is it right to say that Hannah Arendt presented a negative conception of modernity. Discuss.
2. Ability of an individual to exercise authority forms the basis for social class according to Dahrendorf. Discuss.
3. According to Leo Strauss masses simply cannot handle the truth and need a class of political elites who support noble lies necessary for society to function. Critically explain.
4. What is significant about Judith Butler's theory of gender performativity?
5. Critically explain the concept of liberty presented by Isaiah Berlin.
6. Justice as fairness is the foundation of John Rawl's Theory Discuss.
7. What the qualities connected with 'authentic self' inspired by Gandhi as a foundation for national leadership.
8. What is the significance of Schelling's diagrammatic representation of the Prisoners Dilemma?