

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
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SSP1225- POLITICAL FUNDAMENTALS OF DEVELOPMENT



FINAL EXAMINATION – 2019

DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 26th January 2019

Time: 09.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Instructions:

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

1. The fact that the Presidential form of government has been undermined due to abuse of power does not mean that this system should be abolished at whatever cost. Discuss.
2. Societal well-being is seriously undermined in the absence of strict adherence to Good Governance principles. Discuss what this means.
3. A Totalitarian regime also needs a clear ideology when it comes to the achievement of development goals. Discuss.
4. A proper understanding of the concept of “Common Good”, is essential for policy makers, if national development is to be sustainable.
5. “Power relations always remain complex”. Discuss with reference to the work of Foucault.
6. What are the fundamental conditions to be fulfilled in the context of responsive State building? Discuss.
7. Explain the significance of the Indian Model of Secularism in ensuring justice to a heterogeneous community of people. Discuss
8. Social institutions are unsustainable in the absence of pragmatic adherence to Social Contract principles. Discuss
9. Explain the significance of the Special Resolution of the UN General Assembly in 2004 on core elements of democratic rule.