THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES - LEVEL IV
FINAL EXAMINATION 2025/2026 (SEMESTER I)
DSU4641 – LIVING POLITICAL IDEAS
DURATION: THREE HOURS (3 HOURS)

Date: 25.04.2026 **Time: 01.30 pm – 4.30 pm**

Instructions:

- **Answer five (05) questions only.**
- **Read the questions very carefully and use examples where necessary to illustrate your answer.**
- **All questions carry equal marks (20 marks).**

QUESTIONS

1. What is meant by civic patriotism? Explain the concept and illustrate your answer with relevant examples.

(20 Marks)

2. Examine the importance of having diverse political ideas in a society.

(20 Marks)

3. Discuss the main characteristics of a democratic government.

(20 Marks)

4. Discuss the key differences between liberal republican government and authoritarian government.

(20 Marks)

5. Examine the significance of civil society for political, social, economic, and cultural activism in a democratic state.

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6. Discuss the role of the separation of powers in protecting the rights and liberties of the people.

(20 Marks)

7. Discuss Jacques Derrida's idea of democracy with examples.

(20 Marks)

8. Examine how religion can influence respect for human rights in society.

(20 Marks)

9. Write short notes on any **two (02)** of the following. (Marks 10 x 02)

   I. Utilitarianism
   II. Rule of Law
   III. Liberty
   IV. Consociational democracy
   V. Social exclusion

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