THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES - LEVEL IV
FINAL EXAMINATION 2025/2026 (SEMESTER I)
DSU4343 - POLITICS OF SRI LANKA: INSTITUTIONS & PROCESS
DURATION: THREE HOURS (3 HOURS)

Date: 26.04.2026 **Time: 1.30p.m. – 4.30 p.m.**

Instructions:

- **Answer five (05) questions only.**
- **All questions carry equal marks (20 marks).**

QUESTIONS

1. Explain the differences between the unicameral and bicameral legislative systems in Sri Lanka during 1947–1978.

(20 Marks)

2. Explain, with relevant examples, how the major political events of the 1980s influenced the political history of that decade.

(20 Marks)

3. Analyze the impact of ethnicity-based political parties in shaping Sri Lanka's political history.

(20 Marks)

4. Is a large cabinet a necessity for the political survival of a country? Justify your answer.

(20 Marks)

5. Assess the impact of current rules and regulations on women's political participation in Sri Lanka.

(20 Marks)

6. Identify one major political issue in Sri Lanka and recommend pragmatic solutions to address it.

(20 Marks)

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7. Discuss the socio-religious and cultural characteristics of the Dutch colonial administration in Sri Lanka.

(20 Marks)

8. To what extent British Colonialism influenced the continuity and change of Sri Lanka's public administration? Discuss.

(20 Marks)

9. Discuss any **two (02)** of the following: (Marks 10 x 02)
   a) Good Governance.
   b) The concept of 'cabinet government'.
   c) Impeachment.
   d) Types of coalitions.

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