THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL V
FINAL EXAMINATION 2025/2026 (SEMESTER I)
DSU5345 – STATE, SOCIETY AND CITIZENS: NORMATIVE DIMENTIONS OF POLITICAL LIFE
DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS) ONLY

Date: 28th of March 2026 **Time: 1.30 p.m.- 4.30 p.m.**

Instructions:

- **There are Nine (09) questions in this paper.**
- **Answer ONLY Five (05) questions.**
- **Each question carries 20 marks.**

QUESTIONS

1. Explain the concept of Associational Democracy. How can it strengthen state–society relations?

(20 Marks)

2. Compare Nationalism and Patriotism. How are they different? Use examples.

(20 Marks)

3. Using examples from Sri Lankan history, analyze the relationship between the political freedom of the nation and the freedom of individuals.

(20 Marks)

4. Analyze the role of media in shaping state–society relations, especially in the contemporary digital world.

(20 Marks)

5. Analyze how parliamentary democracy in Sri Lanka developed into majoritarian democracy, using examples from ethno-nationalist politics.

(20 Marks)

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6. Evaluate whether Sri Lanka is a politically inclusive country. Provide reasons for your answer.

(20 Marks)

7. Assess whether Gandhian non-violence is a pragmatic political strategy in the contemporary world. Provide examples.

(20 Marks)

8. Considering challenges such as war, climate change, and pandemics, critically evaluate whether a social welfarist state can survive in today's global context.

(20 Marks)

9. Discuss **two (02)** of the following concepts: (Marks 10 x 02)

   a. Marxism.

   b. Procedural justice.

   c. Civil society.

   d. Collective freedom.

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