THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – 2015/2016
FINAL EXAMINATION – LEVEL 4 (1ST SEMESTER)
SSU2241 – LIVING POLITICAL IDEAS

DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS)

Date: 07th November 2015 **Time: 01.30 p.m. – 04.30 p.m.**

Instructions:

- ***Answer five (05) questions only.***
- ***Read the questions carefully.***
- ***Use examples where necessary to illustrate your arguments.***
- ***Lack of clarity in your handwriting can be a disadvantage.***
- ***All questions carry equal marks.***

1. 'Democracy is more than a form of government'. Do you agree with this statement? Give your reasons with examples.

2. What is the difference between the socialist critique of democracy and the social democratic critique of democracy?

3. Imagine that you are a consultant on democracy working for the government. Write an essay on how to strengthen the representative democracy in Sri Lanka.

4. As a human rights activist, you need to make people aware of the importance of political participation of the citizens. Write a leaflet which can be distributed among the public for this purpose.

5. You are invited to give a lecture to level 3 Political Science students about Justice. Prepare a handout to distribute in the class room during the lecture.

6. Write a newspaper article on social exclusion. Give local and global examples.

7. How does republicanism understand the concepts of freedom, rule of law and citizenship?

8. Explain the relationship between politics and violence. Give examples.

9. Why has the human rights situation in Sri Lanka become an international issue? Explain using your theoretical understanding of human rights.

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