THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL II
FINAL EXAMINATION - 2007
ELEMENTS OF POLITICAL SCIENCE - SSF 2301

DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 08th October 2007 **Time: 1.30p.m. – 4.30 p.m.**

Answer five (05) questions only. Each question carries 20 marks.

1. Explain the nature, composition and functions of the State.

2. (a) What is the importance of a constitution in the context of the State?
   (b) Explain the characteristics of a Federal System.

3. Discuss the manner in which the Donoughmore Reforms facilitated the process of political development in Sri Lanka.

4. Explain how the First Republican Constitution of 1972 differs from the Soulbury Constitution.

5. What are the main characteristics of the Executive Presidency under the 1978 Constitution? Explain.

6. What are the pros and cons of the Proportional Representation (PR) System in Sri Lanka? Discuss.

7. (a) Explain the objectives of the Sri Lankan National Movement.
   (b) Describe the origins and development of the Sooriya Mal Movement.

8. Explain the significance of Colebrooke Cameron Reforms of 1833.

9. Write short notes on any **four (04)** of the following.
   (i) Referendum
   (ii) Sovereignty
   (iii) Human rights
   (iv) Ombudsman
   (v) Separation of Powers

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