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දේශපාලන විද්‍යාව / Political Science (PSG: I)
Political and Social Theory

All questions carry equal marks.
The total number of questions in this paper is 10.
Answer any **FIVE** questions.
Marks will be deducted for illegible handwriting.
Time allowed: Three (03) Hours.

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01. Describe the nature and scope of Political and Social Theory and examine the utility of studying it as a subject.
 02. Comment on the contribution made by Aristotle to the development of political theory of the state.
 03. Explain the views presented by John Lock on the concept of Private Property.
 04. "Niccolle Machiavelli stands on the border line between the medieval and modern political thought". Comment
 05. Compare and contrast the views presented by Thomas Hobbes and Rousseau on the social contract theory.
 06. Write a critical essay on the concept of democracy under **any one** of the following:
 - I Special Characteristics of democracy
 - II. The factors essential for a successful Democratic political system
 07. Critically examine the Marxist views on the class struggle by paying special attention to its relevance to describe the class structure of the contemporary society.
 08. Critically examine the main strengths and weaknesses of **any one** of the following concepts
 - I. Concept of Equality
 - II. Concept of Liberty

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09. "Fascism has been relevant in describing some political systems even after the end of the Second World War" Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer?

10. Write short notes on any two of the following:

I. Utopian Socialism

II. Buddhist theory of the state

III. Cicero's ideas on Roman Law

IV. Jean Bodin's views on the concept of sovereignty



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දේශපාලන විද්‍යාව/Political Science (PSG: II)
Government of Sri Lanka

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Answer any **FIVE** questions.
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- (01) “The Ceylon Nationalist Movement was not a mass-based movement”. Do you agree?
Give reasons for your answer.
- (02) Comment on the main issues and demands presented by Ceylonese political organizations before the Donoughmore Commissioners.
- (03) “Introduction of universal adult franchise in 1931 inaugurated a new era in politics of Sri Lanka”. Discuss.
- (04) Critically examine the arguments put forwarded in favour of the abolition of the Soulbury Constitution.
- (05) How do you assess the role played by the “religious factor” in the politics of post independence in Sri Lanka?
- (06) Is it correct to describe the Sri Lankan Party system as a two coalition system?
- (07) Write a critical essay on the existing defects of the electoral system in Sri Lanka.

P.T.O.

(08) Do you agree with the view that a cabinet system of government is more suitable than a Presidential system to a country like Sri Lanka?

(09) Compare the powers and the functions of present parliament with those of the National State Assembly existed under the 1972 Constitution.

(10) "Nineteenth Amendment to the 1978 Constitution has prepared the ground for the growth of a democratic political system in Sri Lanka". Critically examine this statement.



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Public Administration

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Answer any **FIVE** questions.
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01. What do you mean by 'Public Administration'? Briefly explain its origin and development as an academic discipline.
02. "The relationship between Public Administration and Politics is unavoidable". Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer.
03. What is meant by informal organization? Describe the interaction between formal and informal organizations.
04. Briefly examine any two of the following:
 - a) Scientific Management Theory of Frederick Winslow Taylor
 - b) New Public Management Reforms in Sri Lanka
 - c) Contribution made by Elton Mayo to the Organization Theory
 - d) Uniqueness of the France Civil Service
05. Critically examine the practicability of Max Weber's ideal type of bureaucracy in present administrative systems.
06. Assess the contribution made by the Fulton Committee Report (1968) to the development of the British Civil Service.
07. 'Provincial Public Administration faces problems and challenges due to the shortcoming of the devolution arrangement in Sri Lanka'. Discuss.

P.T.O.

08. "The role and functions of public administration in modern states are being decreased due to the emergence of Public -Private Partnerships". Examine.
09. "Role of Public Administration is significant in ensuring good governance in Sri Lanka". Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.
10. Write short notes on any three of the following:
- a. Electronic governance (e-governance)
 - b. Luther Gulick
 - c. New Public Administration
 - d. Basic characteristics of the American Civil Service
 - e. Public service commission under 1978 constitution of Sri Lanka