## THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES

BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL 5 2021/22

DSU5347 – LAW, AND POLITICS

FINAL EXAMINATION

**DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS)** 

Date: 27th January 2023

Time: 09.30 AM - 12.30 PM

## Instructions

- Answer five (05) questions only.
- Read the question carefully and use examples where necessary to illustrate your answer.
- Please write in legible Handwriting
- All questions carry equal marks (20 marks each)
- 1. Explain how Law and Politics are deeply inter-connected in modern governance. Provide minimum of two (02) relevant examples.
- 2. Discuss the linkages between "state sovereignty" and "social contract".
- 3. Write a description of the following two Acts and their impact on the citizenship of the Upcountry Tamil community in Sri Lanka. (10 Marks x 2)
  - a. Grant of Citizenship to Stateless Persons (special provisions) Act No 39 of 1988
  - b. Grant of Citizenship to Persons of Indian Origin Act No 35 of 2003
- 4. Identify four (04) sources of international law and discuss their importance in developing the field of International Law.
- 5. Explain the difference between International Human Rights Law (IHRL) and International Humanitarian Law (IHL). Highlight the aspects of their nature and monitoring mechanisms in your answer.
- 6. United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is mandated to protect and find durable solutions for the issue of refugees. Discuss about specific (minimum of 4) international or regional instruments that are applicable for refugees.
- 7. Who is a "migrant worker" according to the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families? Discuss at least 3 human rights issues that are faced by Sri Lankan migrant workers abroad.
- 8. Discuss the importance of protecting the "Rule of Law" in the economic development of Sri Lanka.
- 9. Write short notes on two (02) of the following (10 Marks X 2)
  - a) Separation of powers
  - b) The impeachment of Chief Justice Bandaranayake in 2013
  - c) Republican model of citizenship
  - d) Dicey's idea of rule of law

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