

**THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES  
BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL V  
FINAL EXAMINATION 2023/2024 (SEMESTER II)  
DSU 5347– LAW AND POLITICS**



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

**Date: 04.08.2024**

**Time: 9.30 am-12.30 pm**

**Instructions:**

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

- 1) 'Law is an essential tool of government action, an instrument with which government tries to influence society. Law is also the means by which government itself is structured, regulated, and controlled.'  
Do you agree with this statement? Explain with relevant examples.  
(20 marks)
- 2) Discuss the importance of the concept of "Separation of Power" with a minimum of **two (02)** examples.  
(20 marks)
- 3) Describe the two concepts of "State Sovereignty" and "Popular Sovereignty".  
(20 marks)
- 4) Identify two Acts passed in Sri Lanka regarding citizenship and analyse their effects on various communities.  
(20 marks)
- 5) Why is the development of International Human Rights Law (IHRL) significant within the context of International Law? Explain with relevant examples.  
(20 marks)
- 6) Identify three (03) major international conventions related to refugees and examine their significance in today's world, providing examples.  
(20 marks)

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- 7) 'The Rule of Law (RoL) fosters development through strengthening the voices of individuals and communities, by providing access to justice, ensuring due process and establishing remedies for the violation of rights.'

Do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer with relevant examples from Sri Lanka.

(20 marks)

- 8) Evaluate the importance of protecting the "Rule of Law" in the economic development of Sri Lanka.

(20 marks)

- 9) Write short notes on **two (02)** of the following topics:

- a) Michel Foucault's concept of power
- b) Bulankulama v. Minister of Industrial Development (2000)
- c) Third World Approaches to International Law (TWAIL)
- d) Development of International Humanitarian Law (IHL).

(10 marks each)

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