

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO – SRI LANKA
FACULTY OF ARTS
THIRD YEAR EXAMINATION IN ARTS –SEMESTER II – 2017/2018
PSC 3265– POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY: AN INTRODUCTION
TIME: TWO (02) HOURS

Answer only **three (03)** questions.
Each question carries a maximum of **twenty (20)** marks.

- 01.
- a. Define political geography.
 - b. Discuss how the history of political geography as an academic sub-discipline developed since the late nineteenth century.
- 02.
- a. Explain Friedrich Ratzel's contribution to the development of the 'Organic State' concept.
 - b. What were the main criticisms of the concept of 'Organic State'?
- 03.
- a. Describe the main areas of study within electoral geography and discuss one of them in detail.
 - b. Compare and contrast the 'Areal Association Model' and the 'Behavioural Model' in electoral geography.
- 04.
- a. Using Sri Lankan electoral results, explain how geography influences voting choice.
 - b. Describe 'Systems Model for Electoral Geography' using a Sri Lankan electoral reality.

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05.

- a. Explain the concept of 'Federalism'
- b. What are the different types of federal models in the world? Substantiate your answer with examples for each type.
- c. Discuss the evolution of the federal debate in Sri Lanka.

06.

- a. Based on the concept of organic state, Fredrich Ratsal introduced 07 principles on the expansion of state. Discuss them.
- b. Discuss the Ratsal's concept of 'room to live.'

07.

- a. Briefly discuss the origin and expansion of the modern state.
- b. What challenges do nation-states face today? Explain citing examples from Sri Lanka.
