

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO - SRI LANKA

FACULTY OF ARTS

SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION IN ARTS – SEMESTER II – 2016/2017

PSC 2235 – SRI LANKA IN REGIONAL AND GLOBAL POLITICS

Time: Two (02) Hours

Answer only **three (03)** questions.

Each answer will carry a maximum of **Twenty (20)** marks

1. Critically evaluate whether or not Sri Lanka's foreign policy was aligned with the western block during the period 1948 – 1956.

2. Discuss the important elements of Sri Lanka's economic relations during the Cold War period which influence Sri Lankan foreign policy.

3. Write a critical essay on the Non-Alignment Movement, which is a key factor in the foreign policy of Sri Lanka.

4. Either
 - (i) "Although there was continuity in foreign policy between J.R. Jayewardene and Ranasinghe Premadasa as both leaders belonged to the same party, the two leaders sharply diverged in their style and approach." Critically examine this statement with examples.

 - or

 - (ii) "Sri Lanka's foreign policy has been determined based on party politics since the independence." Discuss.

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5. "The year 1956 was a period of transition in foreign policy of Sri Lanka." Do you agree with this statement? Explain.

6. Analyse the involvement of India and China in the Sri Lankan ethnic conflict with reference to the geopolitics of the Indian Ocean.

7. Write notes on any two (02) of the following:
 - i. Determinants of Sri Lanka's foreign policy
 - ii. The Commonwealth Organization and Sri Lanka
 - iii. Role of Sri Lanka in the United Nations
 - iv. Sri Lanka and the SAARC
