

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO - SRI LANKA
FACULTY OF ARTS
SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION IN ARTS - SEMESTER II - 2016/2017
PSC 2239 - CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: THEORIES AND APPLICATION
Time: Two (02) Hours

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

Each answer carries a maximum of twenty (20) marks.

1. Discuss the following:
 - (i) The British unwritten constitution and parliament conventions.
 - (ii) '1947 Soulbury Constitution was built based on the British Parliamentary Conventions'.
2. Explain the constitutional amendment procedure with reference to the provisions in the Constitution of 1978.
3. Critically examine the dialogue on parliamentary sovereignty under the Soulbury Constitution of 1947.
4.
 - (i) What are the Fundamental Rights introduced by the Constitution of 1978?
 - (ii) What are the limitations of the Fundamental Rights in Sri Lanka?
5.
 - (i) How have powers been centered on the Executive Presidency under the Constitution of 1978?
 - (ii) Critically examine the debate on the Executive Presidency in Sri Lanka.
6. Explain the concept of Judicial Independence and critically examine how judicial independence practically functions in Sri Lanka.
7. Write notes on any **two (02)** of the following:
 - (i) Current dialogue on devolution of power with reference to the 13th amendment
 - (ii) Autochthonous constitution of 1972
 - (iii) Role of Ombudsmen in Sri Lanka
 - (iv) 19th amendment of the Constitution of 1978
