

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO

FACULTY OF ARTS

THIRD YEAR EXAMINATION IN ARTS - SEMESTER I – 2016/2017

PSC 3146 – Ethnicity, Nation and Nation-States

Two (02) Hours

Answer any **Three (03)** questions only.

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

1. Briefly explain the following themes related to the nation and nationalism:
 - (i) Ethnicity and ethnic groups
 - (ii) Nation as an imagined community
 - (iii) Primordialism
 - (iv) Instrumentalism
2. Discuss the concept of a nation-state, its emergence in Europe and its spread in the post-colonial World.
3. Critically analyze the concepts of assimilation, integration and multiculturalism with examples.
4. Explain the challenges in accommodating secessionist demands in the process of nation-building and state building by referring to any selected country.
5. Examine the social-political impact of marginal, regional and dispersed minority politics in Sri Lanka.
6. Write notes on any **two (02)** of the following:
 - i. Right of self-determination
 - ii. Ethnic identity at national and regional level
 - iii. Globalization and its impact on the nation-state
 - iv. Devolution of power and state reforms