

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO-SRI LANKA

FACULTY OF ARTS

FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION IN ARTS- SEMESTER I-2015/2016

PSC 1101- INTRODUCTION TO POLITICS AND GOVERNANCE

Time – Two (02) Hours

Answer any **four (04)** questions only.  
Each answer will carry a maximum of **fifteen (15)** marks.

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(1) Either

“There is no exact definition on the term politics.” Do you agree with this statement?  
Give reasons for your answer.

Or

“Power is inevitable in politics.” Critically examine this statement.

(2) Define the following terms and explain the relationships between them

- (a) Political events
- (b) Political processes
- (c) Political changes

(3) Briefly explain the historical evolution of political science as an academic discipline.

(4) Discuss the limitations of the traditional approaches of political analysis and explain the ways in which modern approaches differ from them.

- (5) (a) What do you mean by ‘governance’?  
(b) What are the main features of good governance?

(6) Define ‘civil society’ and discuss the significance of civil society activities in shaping politics in a country.

- (7) (a) What does the term ‘public policy’ signify to you?  
(b) Explain the socio-political factors which influence in formulating public policies of a country.

(8) Write short notes on any **two (02)** of the following:

- (a) Political behaviorism
- (b) Modern forms of the state
- (c) Democratic local governance
- (d) Max Weber’s theory of authority