

**UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, SRI LANKA**  
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€ **POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN HUMAN RIGHTS, 2018/2019**  
**FIRST SEMESTER-END EXAMINATION**

**PGDHR 5101 -INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN RIGHTS**

(Two Hours)

Total number of questions: 05

Answer any **Three** questions and **no more**.

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1. Explain the role played by religion as a source of human rights evolution. Draw examples to your answer from at least three main religions in the Western and Eastern societies.
2. What is democracy? What are the essential features of democracy?
3. 'Protection of human rights in a society will be meaningful if rule of law is properly upheld in that society.'  
Do you agree with this statement? Explain the importance of rule of law while identifying its application in the constitutional jurisprudence in Sri Lanka.
4. 'In the context of protecting human rights in a democratic society, the independence of judiciary is highly important.'  
Discuss the importance of this concept describing judicial review of legislation in the backdrop of Sri Lankan constitutional jurisprudence.
5. Write notes on any **three** of the following:
  - (a) secular nature of constitution;
  - (b) negative rights and positive rights;
  - (c) equality before law;
  - (d) natural law;
  - (e) section 29 (2) of Soulbury Constitution;
  - (f) Fundamental rights.