

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO - SRI LANKA

FACULTY OF ARTS

FOURTH YEAR EXAMINATION IN ARTS - SEMESTER I - 2022/2023

PSC 4187 - Gender in Political and Policy Process

Time: Two (02) Hours

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

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

01. i) Explain how the status of women in Western political theory influenced the emergence of feminist theory.
ii) "Feminist theory had strong theoretical disagreements throughout its history". Briefly explain.
02. Examine the expansion of feminist ideas in continental Europe and Britain in the 17th century.
03. i) Discuss the major incidents that influenced the development of the feminist movement in America in the mid-19th century.
ii) Describe John Stuart Mill's contribution to the feminist movement and its expansion.
04. Critically discuss the political, social, and economic challenges to women's political participation in Sri Lanka.
05. "Sri Lanka's low Female Labor Force Participation (FLFP) is an enigma, given the country's upward trajectory in women's educational attainment across secondary and tertiary education in Sri Lanka." Critically evaluate this statement.
06. Write notes on any **two (02)** of the following:
- a) Women's movement in Sri Lanka
 - b) Economic empowerment of rural women in Sri Lanka
 - c) Nexus between ethnicity and feminism
 - d) COVID-19 and its impact on women
