

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO – SRI LANKA
FACULTY OF ARTS
SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION IN ARTS – SEMESTER I – 2017/18
PSC 2125 – Politics of South Asian States

Time: Two (02) Hours

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

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

01. (i) Briefly explain the geo-political importance of South Asia.
(ii) Comparatively analyze the geo-political influence of United States of America and China on South Asian countries.
02. **Either**
(i) Discuss the Afghanistan democratic crisis after 1979.
- Or**
- (ii) Explain with examples the important characteristics of nation building in South Asia.
03. Examine the political, economic and social challenges to democratization of Maldives.
04. Explain the historical and contemporary issues that obstruct the democratic governance in Pakistan.
05. Critically evaluate the strategies introduced in India in order to accommodate their religious and linguistic diversity.
06. Examine the role of Wan-chuck Dynasty in the democratic transition of Bhutan.
07. Write notes on **two (02)** of the following:
(i) Nexus between religion and politics in Sri Lanka.
(ii) Inter-state relationship between Pakistan and Afghanistan.
(iii) Indian intervention on South Asia as regional power.
(iv) Potential political challenges in South Asia.
