

**THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA  
COMMONWEALTH EXECUTIVE MASTER OF BUSINESS/PUBLIC  
ADMINISTRATION PROGRAMME  
FINAL EXAMINATION – 2018 DECEMBER  
MCP1651/ MSPA451 – PUBLIC POLICY  
DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS**



**DATE: 21.12.2018**

**TIME: 09.30 PM – 12.30 PM**

**Answer Four (04) Questions**

1. Public policy making is “a purposive course of action followed by an actor or set of actors in dealing with a problem or matter of concern”. Explain ‘public policy making’ in light of this definition. **(25marks)**
  
2. a. What is policy agenda? **(05 marks)**  
 b. Analyze with examples from any country the factors that influence the policy agenda. **(20 marks)**
  
3. a. Discuss the salient aspects of Westminster model of government? **(10 marks)**  
 b. Explain the role and power of each institution under the Westminster model of government in the context of public policy making. **(15 marks)**
  
4. a. What do you mean by ‘policy instruments’? **(05 marks)**  
 b. Discuss with examples the key instruments that a government could use to implement its policies. **(20 marks)**
  
5. Explain advantages and disadvantages of top down approach to policy implementation giving examples from any program/project you are familiar with. **(25 marks)**
  
6. Critically examine applicability of Charles Lindblom’s Incremental Approach in understanding public policy making in Sri Lanka. **(25 marks)**
  
7. Discuss with examples policy making process in Sri Lanka. **(25 marks)**

