

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA  
 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES  
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 FINAL EXAMINATION – LEVEL 4  
 SSU2205-INTRODUCTION TO DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS



**DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS) ONLY**

**Date: 24.02.2019**

**Time: 01.30 p.m. - 04.30 pm.**

**Instructions:**

➤ Answer any five (05) questions. Each answer carries 20 marks.

1. (a) Describe the difference between growth and development.  
 (b) Discuss the common characteristics of developing economies.
2. Explain the following concepts in relation to economic development.  
 (a) Role of the state  
 (b) Role of the private sector
3. (a) Explain the theory of demographic transition.  
 (b) Explain the socio-economic effects of ageing population in Sri Lanka.
4. (a) Briefly explain the five (05) key stages of the growth model introduced by Rostow.  
 (b) State the relevance of Rostow's model in the context of modernization of developing countries.
5. (a) Explain the concept of 'Structural Adjustment'.  
 (b) Discuss how it transformed the Sri Lankan economy towards development.
6. (a) Differentiate the concepts of 'Income Poverty' and 'Human Poverty'.  
 (b) Explain the causes of poverty as explained by Amartya Sen.
7. How is foreign aid described in neo-classical theory and neo-Marxist view? Evaluate these two views critically.
8. Outline the different indices of economic development and explain the major characteristics of Social Indicators and their importance.
9. Write brief notes on any **two (02)** of the following.  
 (a) Malthusian Population Trap  
 (b) Green Revolution  
 (c) Protectionism  
 (d) Self -Esteem  
 (e) Sustainable Development

