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**THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA**  
**COMMONWEALTH EXECUTIVE MASTER OF BUSINESS/PUBLIC**  
**ADMINISTRATION**  
**FINAL EXAMINATION – 2020/2021**  
**MSPA308/MCP2608 – CONTEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEMS**  
**DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS**



**DATE: 25.04.2021**

**TIME: 130PM – 4.30 PM**

*Answer five questions. All questions carry equal marks.*

1. a. Discuss the emergence of public administration as a new field of study. (10 marks)  
b. Briefly explain the stages of evolution of public administration since the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. (10 marks)
2. a. Explain written constitutions and unwritten constitutions. (06 marks)  
b. Discuss with examples the basic functions of legislatures. (14 marks)
3. a. Describe the main characteristics of Max Weber's ideal type bureaucracy. (10 marks)  
b. "No formal organization could function without some form of bureaucracy" Comment. (10 marks)
4. Critically examine citing examples deficiencies in the higher administration of Sri Lanka and how to overcome them. (20 Marks)
5. a. Explain the reasons for emergence of new public management (NPM) in the latter part of the last century. (10 marks)  
b. Discuss how new public management differs from the traditional (bureaucratic) public administration. (10 marks)
6. Explain with examples the application of the principles of entrepreneurial government in the public sector of Sri Lanka. (20 marks)
7. a. How do you define accountability. (05 marks)  
b. What is the principal-agent relationship of the accountability in the public sector. (05 marks)  
c. Assess the corruption situation in Sri Lanka and its consequences on development of the country. (10 marks)
8. a. Discuss the role of civil society organizations (CSOs) in economic development and poverty alleviation citing examples from Sri Lanka or any other Commonwealth country. (12 marks)  
b. Briefly explain the role of the International Monetary Fund or the World Bank in involving institutional capacity building in developing countries. (08 marks)

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