

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
COMMONWEALTH EXECUTIVE MASTER OF BUSINESS/PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION
FINAL EXAMINATION – 2020/2021
MSPA451/MCP1651 – PUBLIC POLICY
DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS



DATE: 21.08.2021

TIME: 1.30PM – 4.30 PM

Instructions: Answer five questions Only.

- 1 a. Discuss the stages of the policy cycle process. (10 marks)
b. Explain the difference between policy making and policy analysis. (10 marks)
- 2 a. Explain with suitable examples the role of different stakeholders in the policy making process. (10 marks)
b. “Public policy making is a purposive course of action by an actor or set of actors in dealing with a policy issue”. Comment. (10 marks)
- 3 a. Examine the roles of political executives and permanent executives in the policy making and policy implementation. (12 marks)
b. How do you define a policy problem? (08 marks)
- 4 a. Briefly explain the types of policy problems/issues. (05 marks)
b. Discuss the main strategies for structuring of policy problems. (15 marks)
- 5 a. Discuss four steps in policy analysis in light of the Eightfold Path to Policy Analysis by Eugene Bardach. (12 marks)
b. Briefly explain the application of four criteria for evaluation of a policy alternative. (08 marks)
- 6 a. Discuss the roles of the legislative and the judiciary in implementation of public policies. (10 marks)
b. Distinguish monitoring and evaluation of policies/programs. (10 marks)
- 7 Describe the main features of the Westminster model of government and indicate how it differs from the New Zealand model. (20 marks)
- 8 Critically evaluate the role of the civil society groups in the public policy making giving reference to the recent East Container Terminal (ECT) issue of the Colombo harbor. (20 marks)

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