

**THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
COMMONWEALTH EXECUTIVE MASTER OF BUSINESS/PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION PROGRAMME
FINAL EXAMINATION – 2022 MARCH
OSPA451/MSPA451/MCP1651 – PUBLIC POLICY
DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS**



DATE: 02.04.2022

TIME: 1.30 PM – 4.30 PM

Answer Five Questions. All questions carry equal marks

1. a. How do you define public policy (05 marks)
b. Discuss the main characteristics of public policy making (10 marks)
c. What do you mean by policy stakeholders? (05 marks)
2. a. Explain the main steps in the policy making process (10 marks)
b. Discuss the roles of political executives and administrative executives in the policymaking process. (10 marks)
3. a. Explain Rational Policy Making Model and Incremental approach. (12 marks)
b. Examine the constraints in applying the rational policy making model. (08 marks)
4. a. Identify and explain sources of data that need to define a policy problem (10 marks)
b. Discuss the strategies that are commonly used for structuring policy problems (10 marks)
5. a. Discuss five criteria that could be applied to evaluate a policy option (12 marks)
b. Distinguish with examples quantitative and qualitative criteria for evaluation of policy options. (08 marks)
6. a. Discuss the actors who are involved in the policy implementation process. (10 marks)
b. Explain conditions needed or successful implementation of a public policy. (10 marks)
7. a. Distinguish policy monitoring and evaluation. (05 marks)
b. Explain the benefits of policy monitoring to policy makers and implementers. (08 marks)
c. Give reasons as to why policy evaluation to be carried by independent persons or agencies. (07 marks)