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LEVEL 1: 1st SEMESTER
FINAL EXAMINATION
DSC1712 – HUMAN GEOGRAPHY



Date: 05th June 2022

Time: 9.30am - 12.30pm

Note:

1. The question paper consists of two parts (Part I and Part II).
2. Answer five (05) questions only; selecting all the questions in Part I and four (04) questions from Part II.

Part I

1. Name and Mark the following places in the given world map
 - I. Afghanistan and Ukraine (2 marks)
 - II. Longest rivers in China and African Continent (2 marks)
 - III. Two major Coal producing countries (2marks)
 - IV. Sparsely populated two desert regions of Arizona and Sahara (2marks)
 - V. World's largest ports: Shanghai and Singapore (2marks)
 - VI. The most beautiful islands of Maldives and Mauritius (2marks)
 - VII. Tropic of Capricorn (2marks)
 - VIII. Two Mediterranean agricultural areas of central Chile and coastal California.
(2 marks)
 - IX. Highly populated Mexico City in Mexico and Tokyo in Japan (2marks)
 - X. Enclave state of Lesotho and Vatican City (2marks)

Part II

2. I. Distinguish the difference between concepts of physical geography and human geography. (5 marks)
II. Explain the various disciplines included in Human geography by using the stipulated diagram. (15 marks)
3. I. Explain what is meant by environmental determinism advocated by Friedrich Ratzel. (10 marks)
II. Briefly discuss the strategies adopted to conquer natural hazards in the world. (10 marks)
4. I. Provide a classification of Natural Resources and give examples for each. (10 Marks)
II. Explain the importance of natural resources for Sri Lanka. (10 Marks)
5. I. What is human migration? (5 marks)
II. Explain the major flows of human migration in the world. (15 marks)
6. I. Briefly state the importance of the Human Development Index (HDI) introduced by UNDP in 1990. (10 marks)
II. Explain the major characteristics of developed and less developed countries in the world (10 marks)
7. I. Define what primary economic activities are? (5 marks)
II. Explain the differences between secondary and tertiary economic activities? (15 marks)
8. I. Briefly explain what meant by poverty and the geographical distribution of poverty?
II. Explain the initiatives taken to alleviate poverty in Sri Lanka
9. I. Why is it important for a country to take a census every ten years?
II. Discuss the recent trends of age distribution of the population in Sri Lanka?

10. Write a short answer by selecting **two (02)** of the following topics:

- a) Importance of Silicon Valley in USA
- b) Recent trend in Urbanization in Sri Lanka
- c) Ethnic geography
- d) Geographical Diffusion of Religion
- e) Environmental Issues of Development

(10 x 2 marks)

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World Map

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