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(Level IX)



PRACTICES OF DEVELOPMENT: THEORIES AND CONCEPTS DSP9411

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Date: 18.06.2022

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Instructions:

Answer FOUR Questions Only.

Each question carries Twenty-Five (25) Marks.

(01) National development is best understood as a process that should contribute towards "Inclusive Development". Critically discuss with reference to the Sri Lankan status quo.

(02) Holistic societal well-being is undermined in the absence of strict adherence to Democratic Good Governance principles. Discuss in a contextually relevant manner in a country like Sri Lanka with increasing tendencies of authoritarianism.

(03) What is significant about developed countries that subscribe to functional democracy is the presence of a citizenry with commitment to "Shared values". Explain its significance to Sri Lanka.

(04) A proper understanding of the concepts of "Common Good", and "Social Contract" are fundamental for a sustainable national development. Discuss what this means if we are to accelerate national development of Sri Lanka.

(05) The core elements of democratic rule are by now governed by international conventions and resolutions rooted in institutions like the United Nations. Explain what they are, and their relevance to crisis-stricken Sri Lankan democracy.

(06) Most evidently Social Democratic principles relating to national development have helped to ensure the collective well-being of people. Explain with reference to what we could learn from states that adhere to this ideology.

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(07) A process of development is rendered useless and meaningless if the people are deprived of 'Happiness'. Discuss the concept of 'Happiness' inspired by the international theater of development.

(08) Arrogance of leaders who assume that they are the 'Masters of the People' have undermined credibility of governance at all levels of society. Explain the core principles of 'Servant Leadership' inspired by Mahatma Gandhi.

(09) Power sharing should not be a matter of endless intellectual debate, but a way of life in post war societies. Explain the potential as well as constraints to power sharing in Sri Lanka.

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