

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL 4
FINAL EXAMINATION– 2021/2022 (1st Semester)
DSU4631 – ECONOMY OF SRI LANKA
DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS) ONLY



Date: 04/06/2022

Time: 1.30 p.m. – 4.30 p. m.

Instructions:

- Answer five (05) questions only. Each question carries 20 marks.

01. Explain how the development of Small and Medium Enterprises could reduce poverty based on the experiences of Sri Lanka?

(20 marks)

02. Discuss the main objectives of the Land Reforms of 1972 and 1975 and evaluate their impact on the land-less rural communities who were engaged in subsistence agricultural activities.

(20 marks)

03. 'The economic policies of the successive governments formed after independence in Sri Lanka failed to realize the full potential of the plantation sector and its economic contribution to the country'. Present your arguments for and against this statement.

(20 marks)

04. Explain the Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) and elaborate the employment trends during and after the pandemic.

(20 marks)

05. Sri Lanka's trade balance has been persistently negative. Discuss the impact of a negative trade balance on macroeconomic stability.

(20 marks)

06. Explain the factors that determine Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and elaborate mechanisms that could be adopted to attract FDI in Sri Lanka?

(20 marks)

07. Identify four major reasons for the current economic crisis in Sri Lanka and discuss two of them.

(20 marks)

08. Explain the significance of fiscal policy and discuss the major changes occurred in the fiscal policy at the time of liberalization of economy in Sri Lanka?

(20 marks)

09. Write shot essays on any **two (02)** of the following.

- I. Power and energy sector in Sri Lanka
- II. Dual economy in Sri Lanka
- III. Sustainable Development Goals-2030
- IV. Service sector performance in Sri Lanka

(Each 10 marks)