

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES - LEVEL 05
FINAL EXAMINATION – 2021/2022 (2nd Semester)
DSU5336 – URBAN ECONOMICS
DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS) ONLY



Date: 11th of February 2023

Time: 09.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Instructions:

- **Answer 5 (Five) questions only.**
- **Each question carries 20 marks.**

1. 'Urbanization provides the potential to transform economies in terms of employment, prosperity, and livability'. Discuss using appropriate examples from cities in developing countries. (20 Marks)
2. 'Metropolitan cities are attracting people from rural areas, who migrate in search of opportunities for better living, food, shelter, and daily wages' Debate the pros and cons of rural to urban migration. (20 Marks)
3. (a) What factors influence urban housing needs? (10 marks)
 (b) Discuss the causes of urban homelessness with examples. (10 Marks)
4. (a) Explain why poverty persists in the cities. (10 Marks)
 (b) Consider a city in the South Asian region and discuss its experience in dealing with urban poverty. (10 Marks)
5. (a) Is urban air quality an economic problem? (10 marks)
 (b) To what extent air quality is a problem in Sri Lanka. (10 Marks)
6. (a) Describe four major types of environmental challenges. (10 marks)
 (b) Explain how these challenges are addressed in Sri Lanka. (10 Marks)

7. (a) Explain the key ideas of the Habitat Agenda 1996. (10 marks)
(b) Discuss the experiences of Sri Lanka in terms of human settlements and shelter sector development. (10 Marks)
8. (a) Discuss the process of conferring 'urban statuses to specific areas in Sri Lanka. (10 marks)
(b) Discuss the patterns of urban expansion in Sri Lanka. (10 marks)
9. Write short notes on any **four (04)** of the following:
- a) Istanbul Declaration
 - b) Urban Development Authority in Sri Lanka
 - c) The Colombo Port City
 - d) Solid Waste Management in the Urban areas
 - e) Mega City Regions

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