

**THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
COMMONWEALTH EXECUTIVE MASTER OF BUSINESS/PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION PROGRAMME
FINAL EXAMINATION – 2023 MARCH
OSPA451/ MSPA451 – PUBLIC POLICY
DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS**



DATE: 11.03.2023

TIME: 9.30 AM – 12.30 PM

Answer any five (05) questions. All questions carry equal marks (20 marks)

1. a. 'Public policy is what governments choose to do or not do.' Explain. (08 marks)
 b. Explain the difference between policy study and policy analysis (06 marks)
 c. Why do we study public policy? (06 marks)
2. a. Examine the 'Eightfold Path to Policy Making'. (10 marks)
 b. Discuss the roles of four stakeholders in the policy making process. (10 marks)
3. a. Explain Rational Policy Making Model and its merits and limitations. (12 marks)
 b. Critically examine the System Theory of policy making. (08 marks)
4. a. Discuss two main sources of data gathering for definition of a policy problem (10 marks)
 b. Explain the steps to be followed in the problem structuring process problems. (10 marks)
5. a. Explain the use of 'Issue Paper' Green 'Paper' and White Paper' as the tools of rational policy-making (16 marks)
 b. Discuss one quantitative criterion and one qualitative criterion for evaluation of policy options. (04 marks)
6. a. Explain the role of different actors involved in the policy implementation process. (10 marks)
 b. Discuss Top-down Approach and Bottom-up Approach to policy implementation. (10 marks)
7. a. 'Policy implementation is an internal activity and policy evaluation is an external activity. Discuss (10 marks)
 b. Examine the difference between Summative Evaluation and Formative Evaluation. (10 marks)

