

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA  
COMMONWEALTH EXECUTIVE MASTER OF BUSINESS / PUBLIC  
ADMINISTRATION - FINAL EXAMINATION – September 2022  
OSPA309/MSPA309/MCP2609– DISASTER MANAGEMENT  
DURATION: 03 HOURS



Date: 04.09.2022

Time: 9.30a.m. to 12.30p.m.

Answer **FIRST** question (Part I - Compulsory) and any **THREE (3)** questions from Part II.

All answers must be completed written neatly and focused.

This question paper consists of **FIVE** questions.

### Part I

1. Read the following passage and answer all questions.

*"Sri Lanka is passing through an acute economic crisis due to depletion in foreign reserves which in turn has resulted in shortages of fuel, food, medicines, cement and other essential items in the country. Sri Lankan government is hopeful that with the policy measures initiated so far and with the improvement in the COVID-19 situation, it would overcome the crisis soon. The situation on the ground as well as the analyses of government's policy measures, global geopolitical-economic developments including the fallout of Russia-Ukraine war, nonetheless suggest that Sri Lankans are not going to feel the economic relief any time sooner. Opposition and public criticism against government's handling of the crisis is intensifying in Sri Lanka."*

*(Extract from - Economic Crisis in Sri Lanka: An Assessment by Dr Gulbin Sultana, Associate Fellow, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi)*

- a. What is the main reason, as per the above description, that lead to the current acute economic crisis Sri Lanka is currently experiencing. (04 marks)
- b. Describe briefly two (02) global events that may have contributed to the crisis. (04 marks)
- c. List four (04) possible ways the situation described above could lead to a serious national disaster. (04 marks)
- d. List four (04) government institutions that would have foreseen the above crisis and prevented it happening. (04 marks)
- e. List four (04) important measures that could have taken to prevent the above crisis. (04 marks)
- f. List four (04) measures that can be taken to mitigate the effects of the crisis. (04 marks)
- g. Shortage of essential medicine in government hospitals has been observed as one immediate effect of the crisis. Describe briefly how this issue could be addressed as an immediate response. (04 marks)
- h. Name the international framework on disaster risk reduction currently in operation. (04 marks)

- i. Name two (02) international agencies that could support Sri Lanka to resolve the crisis applying short term measures. (04 marks)
- j. Name two (02) long term measures that will prevent such crises future in Sri Lanka. (04 marks)

**Part II**

2. You have been given the task of preparing the disaster management plan of the organization in which you are currently employed.
  - a. Describe briefly the steps involved in preparation of an institutional disaster management plan. (12 marks)
  - b. Describe briefly how you would evaluate the effectiveness of the plan you have prepared. (08 marks)
3. Briefly describe,
  - a. How is the unplanned industrialization contributing to the increased number of disasters in Sri Lanka? (10 marks)
  - b. The effects of increasing population on the disaster landscape in Sri Lanka. (10 marks)
4. Write short notes on:
  - a. National disaster management framework in Sri Lanka (05 marks)
  - b. Global warming (05 marks)
  - c. Disaster risk assessment (05 marks)
  - d. Incident Command System (05 marks)
5. Briefly describe the difference between:
  - a. Disaster and emergency (05 marks)
  - b. Prevention and mitigation in disaster management (05 marks)
  - c. Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) and Refugees (05 marks)
  - d. Vulnerability and Capacity in disaster risk management (05 marks)

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