

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES

HIGHER DIPLOMA IN YOUTH DEVELOPMENT- LEVEL 04

FINAL EXAMINATION – SEMESTER I – 2023/2024

DSD4502/SSD2202 – PROJECT PLANNING, MONITORING AND EVALUATION



DURATION: TWO (02) HOURS ONLY

Date: 25.11.2023

Time: 1.30 PM – 3.30 PM

**Instructions:**

- Answer ONLY four (04) questions.
- Each question is worth twenty (25) marks.
- Please write clearly.

1.

- I. Describe the advantages of planning for a project with reference to activities and resources. (10 marks)
- II. Explain the principles of situational analysis and stakeholder engagement in project planning. (15 marks)

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- I. Describe the tools used to present a Stakeholder Analysis. (10 marks)
- II. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) as a method of stakeholder investigation. (15 marks)

3.

- I. Imagine that you are required to design a project to promote youth self-employment in a village. Identify the objectives of the project and the intended outcomes. (05 marks)
- II. Design a suitable implementation strategy for this project. (10 marks)
- III. Develop a log frame matrix for this project. (10 marks)

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- I. Briefly describe the essential elements in a project document (08 marks)
- II. 'A good budget is a critical factor in determining whether your organization will receive funding'. Explain the key aspects that should be demonstrated through a budget. (10 marks)
- III. Write a brief description of a budget presentation. (07 marks)

- 5.
- I. Implementation is the final process of turning a project into action. Discuss the challenges you might face in project implementation. (10 marks)
  - II. 'To be accountable means to be answerable'. Explain the measures of accountability about the behaviour and responsiveness of the team members. (15 marks)
- 6.
- I. Describe the different functions involved in monitoring a project. (10 marks)
  - II. Explain the different stages (steps) of monitoring a project. (10 marks)
  - III. Explain the importance of a follow-up system during the monitoring process. (05 marks)
- 7.
- I. Discuss the different purposes of evaluating a project (10 marks)
  - II. Explain the difference between *formative* and *summative* evaluation and their usefulness. (15 marks)
8. Write brief notes on 05 of the following topics. (05 marks each)
- I. Principles of PRA
  - II. Project implementation strategy
  - III. LFA approach
  - IV. Process versus Results Indicators
  - V. Project stakeholders
  - VI. Importance of project coordination
  - VII. Project evaluation process