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FINAL EXAMINATION – 2023
DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS



Date: 25 June 2023

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

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- Answer four (04) questions. Each question carries 25 marks.
 - Ensure that answers are well structured and include an introduction, main argument and conclusion written with a critical imagination
1. Discuss what public policy means with special reference to the relevant theoretical and conceptual frameworks.
 2. Critically discuss the role of anthropologists and sociologists in examining public policies drawing examples from Sri Lanka.
 3. Why do you need to learn the anthropological and sociological approaches and scholarship in studying public policies? Explain.
 4. Sri Lanka has experienced with different global interventions on rehabilitation and reconstructions through INGOs. Critically examine how those global interventions have shaped the local public policies taking relevant examples drawn from Sri Lanka.
 5. The anthropologists and sociologists have more often observed that people participation is missing in public policy formation. Elucidate this statement through your personal experiences.
 6. Discuss the factors contributed for shaping public policy in pre-colonial Sri Lanka.
 7. “Colonists imposed their will on Sri Lanka under their rule. Hence we cannot assume that they had a proper public policy”. Critically discuss this statement.
 8. (a) Make a list of weaknesses you noticed in the process of evolution of public policies in Sri Lanka. (10 Marks)
(b) Critically discuss any two weaknesses mentioned in the list with examples. (15 Marks)

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