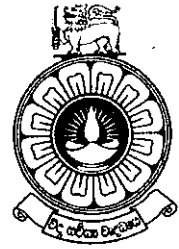


THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA  
COMMONWEALTH EXECUTIVE MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION  
FINAL EXAMINATION 2024

CONTEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEM - OSPA308

Duration – Three (03) hours



Date: 07.09.2024

Time: 9.30 am – 12.30 pm

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

1. a. Discuss the contribution made by Woodrow Wilson to develop the discipline of public administration. (10 marks)
- b. Elucidate the principles of administration developed in the second stage of evolution of public administration as explained by Nicolas Henry. (10 marks)
2. a. Explain with examples the written constitution and the unwritten constitution. (06 marks)
- b. Describe the three branches of a constitution and why such divisions of power are there in a democratic governance. (14 marks)
3. a. Describe the main characteristics of bureaucratic model. (10 marks)
- b. "Bureaucracy is criticized because its inability to cater to the needs of citizens but it is a prominent organization means for implementation of government policies." Comment. (10 marks)
4. Critically examine the problems of higher education and unemployment in Sri Lanka and propose your recommendations to overcome them. (20 Marks)
5. a. 'New Public Management (NPM) has emerged in the latter part of the last century to overcome the weaknesses of the public service delivery system'. Discuss (10 marks)
- b. Briefly explain the principles of Entrepreneurial government advanced Osborne and Gaebler for public sector reforms. (10 marks)

6. a. Explain the concept of accountability and its importance as the cornerstone of democracy. (10 marks)
- b. Discuss the impediments to promote transparency and accountability in Sri Lanka. (10 marks)
- 7 a. Examine how civil society organizations (CSOs) could contribute to socio- economic development and poverty alleviation citing examples from Sri Lanka or any other South Asian country. (12 marks)
- b. Discuss the role of international agencies in institutional capacity building in developing countries. (08 marks)

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