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DURATION – THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 20th November 2011

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Answer four (04) questions.
 Each question carries 25 marks.

1. Culture as a concept has an immense bearing on the attainment of national Development Goals. Explain with reference to constraints created by culture in the development process.
2. What are attributes of modernity and what relevance have they got in the context of Sri Lankan society?
3. While acceptance of gender studies helped to improve women's situation to some extent, women are not equal in terms of power as a whole. Explain critically with reference to Sri Lanka.
4. How does class manifest itself in the Sri Lankan context? How does it differ from the traditional Marxist analysis of class relations?
5. Explain the significance of Functionalist and Conflict Theories with reference to a social institution of your choice.
6. The pace of development could be drastically affected by the presence of dysfunctional bureaucracies in Sri Lankan society? *DISCUSS.*
7. Post conflict reconciliation process in Sri Lanka will get undermined if policy developers remain alien to concepts of equity, equality and power sharing. Discuss them.
8. Religion as a social institution enables society to create morally awakened and balanced citizens. Explain the constraints faced in Sri Lankan society.
9. Civil and political societies in the development process depend on powerful organizations that could mobilize people. Discuss.