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 DSP9312 SYSTEMIC APPROACH TO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
 FINAL EXAMINATION 2024/2025



DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 06.04.2025

Time: 9.30 am – 12.30 pm

Instructions

- There are **NINE (09)** questions in this paper.
 - Answer only **five (05)** questions.
 - All questions carry equal marks.
1. What is sustainable development? Define appropriately with theoretical insights.
 2. Explain the significance of systemic thinking in sustainable development.
 3. Analyze the achievements of sustainable development goals by Sri Lanka.
 4. 'Environmental considerations are a key factor in development goals'. Critically evaluate this statement.
 5. Why is poverty and social inequality addressed by policy makers as sustainable development priorities? Explain by providing two examples of poverty alleviation projects from Sri Lanka.
 6. Discuss the role of international financial and aid agencies in prescribing policies of development for the Global South (Third World Nations).
 7. What are your observations of youth participation in development? Write a proposal for development policy makers to address youth concerns and their contribution.
 8. Governance failures and mismanagement of resources were recently identified as factors for the economic collapse of Sri Lanka. What are your suggestions to address some of the key problems in this sector? Discuss.
 9. Write short notes on **two (02)** of the following topics. (Marks 10 x 2)
 1. Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and related failures
 2. Social conflicts and development
 3. Biodiversity and development
 4. Corruption and institutional sustainability
 5. Women's inclusion in development

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