

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
 BA IN YOUTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT - LEVEL 04
 FINAL EXAMINATION – SEMESTER I - 2024/2025
 DSU 4562 – PROJECT PLANNING, MONITORING AND EVALUATION
 DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS ONLY



Date: 05/04/2025

Time: 1.30 pm – 04.30 pm

Instructions:

- Answer ONLY four (04) questions.
- Question number one is compulsory.
- Answer any other three (03) questions and each question is worth twenty (20) marks.
- Please write clearly.

1. (Compulsory) Case Study: "Green Sri Lanka"

In a semi-urban area, a group of environmental enthusiasts has launched the "Green Sri Lanka", a project focused on tree planting, waste management, and community awareness on environmental sustainability. Their objective is to improve urban greenery, promote responsible waste disposal, and educate residents on sustainable living practices. The effectiveness of the initiative depends on well-structured planning, execution, and evaluation.

Questions:

- a) Identify three key performance indicators that can effectively measure the success of the "Green Sri Lanka" in tree planting, waste management, and community awareness.
(10 Marks)
- b) Propose two practical means of verification for assessing the impact of waste management efforts and suggest methods to ensure the community understands and adopts sustainable practices.
(15 Marks)
- c) Discuss potential challenges in measuring performance indicators and implementing verification methods. Provide adaptive strategies to address these challenges, ensuring the initiative's long-term success.
(15 Marks)

(Total 40 Marks)

2.

A government agency is launching a **community infrastructure development project** to improve rural access roads, construct clean water facilities, and enhance local markets to support small businesses.

Questions:

- a) Define the essential project activities necessary for the successful implementation of this initiative. (5 Marks)
- b) Identify and explain the key roles required for efficient execution and management of the project. (7 Marks)
- c) Outline the project performance indicators that would serve as benchmarks for evaluating the project's success and efficiency. (8 Marks)

(Total 20 Marks)

3.

- a) Define the primary purpose of a project proposal and explain its significance in project management. (5 Marks)
- b) Identify and briefly describe three critical components of a well-structured project proposal. (3 Marks)
- c) Briefly describe the above three critical components of a well-structured project proposal. (5 Marks)
- d) Explain how a well-prepared project proposal can enhance stakeholder communication and collaboration. (7 Marks)

(Total 20 Marks)

4.

- a) Define project budgeting and its role in overall project management. (5 Marks)
- b) Identify key components of a project budget and explain their importance. (7 Marks)
- c) Discuss potential challenges in project budgeting and propose two strategies to mitigate these challenges. (8 Marks)

(Total 20 Marks)

5.

Write short notes on **four (04)** of the following:

- 1. Community Engagement
- 2. Social Capital
- 3. Participatory Approach
- 4. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- 5. Project Monitoring & Evaluation

(5 Marks each, Total 20 Marks)

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