

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BA DEGREE PROGRAMME IN SOCIAL SCIENCES (2024/25)
FINAL EXAMINATION - LEVEL IV
DSU4652- DEVELOPMENT THEORY AND PRACTICE



DURATION – THREE HOURS (03HOURS)

Date: 3rd August 2025

Time: 9.30am-12.30pm

Instructions:

Answer **FIVE (05)** questions only.

Each answer carries equal marks of 20.

The length of an answer for regular questions (1-8) should not be more than 3 pages.

Answers should be numbered correctly.

Unclear, illegible handwriting will be penalized.

1. Explain the theories of development in the context of economic dependence that exists between the developed and underdeveloped nations that you have learnt about.
2. Describe the main features and criticisms of the neo-liberal model of development giving examples of structural and policy responses.
3. Discuss the impact of Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers on marginalised communities.
4. Refer to the concept of development defined and measured by Mahbubul Haq and Amartya Sen and examine Sri Lanka's current status of development using this measurement.
5. Write an essay on gender considerations in situations of disasters and their management using relevant concepts and ideas.
6. Discuss the traditional and modern measurements of development critically.
7. Analyse the historical context of the colonial enterprise within which the ideas of modernity and progress were introduced to post independent Sri Lanka.
8. Critically evaluate the introduction of open economic policies to Sri Lanka after 1977 emphasizing on the strengths and weaknesses.
9. Write short notes on any three (03).
 - a. WCD
 - b. GDP and GNP
 - c. The Green Revolution
 - d. A.E.Schumacher's "small is beautiful"
 - e. GAD