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FINAL EXAMINATION – SEMESTER II -2024/2025
DSU5366 – YOUTH AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS ONLY

Date : 23/08/2025

Time : 1.30 p.m – 4.30 p.m

Instructions:

- Answer only FIVE (05) questions out of NINE (09).
- Each question is worth Twenty (20) marks.
- Please write clearly.

01. Discuss the evolution of the concepts of sustainable development within the development process.
02. What are the three core pillars of sustainable development? Explain how each pillar contributes to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
03. *"Humans are both protectors and polluters of the environment."* Explain how human actions contribute to environmental change.
04. Examine the role of youth workers as change-makers in the implementation of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
05. Describe how home gardens and other traditional practices in Sri Lanka can serve as community development tools to promote sustainability.
06. Identify and critically examine three (03) major barriers that youth workers face in promoting sustainable development.
07. Critically evaluate whether Sri Lanka possesses an adequate legal and policy framework to ensure environmental sustainability.
08. Reflecting on the concept of ecological footprint and the Environmental Sustainability Index (ESI), propose a sustainability campaign that a youth worker could initiate in an urban community to reduce overconsumption and improve environmental awareness.
09. It is critically important to integrate the three key sectors in sustainable development action planning, as their interrelation plays a vital role in achieving long-term development goals. Do you agree with this statement?

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