

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
 BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL 4 (2006)
 FINAL EXAMINATION (1ST SEMESTER)
 ECONOMY OF SRI LANKA: STRUCTURE AND ANALYSIS – SSU 2204



DURATION – THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 25th November 2006

Time: 1.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Answer five (05) questions only. Each question carries 20 marks.

1. "The importance of the plantation sector to the economy, both in terms of contribution to the GDP and export earnings, have been declining significantly in recent years". Explain.
2. Explain the factors that led to a turning point in the development strategies of Sri Lanka in the year 1977.
3. Discuss the factors that contributed to the development of non-traditional agricultural exports in the Sri Lankan economy.
4. Explain the major characteristics of land policies implemented by the successive governments of the independent Sri Lanka.
5. "Industrialization came to be accepted as one of the principal means of restructuring the economy in the post 1977 period". Discuss with suitable examples.
6. Explain the salient features of the employment trends in the aftermath of the 1977 economic liberalization.
7. Select two poverty alleviation programmes that were initiated after 1980s in Sri Lanka and describe the major challenges faced by them in their quest to alleviate poverty in different regions of the country.
8. Discuss the major effects of population growth with regard to the economic development in Sri Lanka?
9. Write short notes on any two (02) of the following.
 - (i) Usage of local resources in Sri Lanka.
 - (ii) Tea sector under private plantation companies in Sri Lanka.
 - (iii) Development of domestic industrial activities.
 - (iv) Revenue and expenditure of the government of Sri Lanka after 1980's.