

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA  
 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES  
 BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL IV  
 FINAL EXAMINATION - 2007/2008  
 SSU 2204 – ECONOMY OF SRI LANKA STRUCTURE & ANALYSIS



DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> September 2008

Time: 1.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

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

1. Discuss the main factors responsible for the rapid increase in public expenditure in Sri Lanka after year 2000.
2. Outline the major characteristics of land reforms in the 1970s and its impact on plantation sector in Sri Lanka.
3. "Industrialisation was accepted as one of the major programmes in the post-1977 period". Elucidate with suitable examples.
4. Describe the salient features of employment trends in Sri Lanka during the past fifty years.
5. (a) What are the main poverty alleviation programmes implemented in Sri Lanka?  
 (b) Describe the challenges faced by them in alleviating poverty in the rural and estate sectors in the country.
6. "The fiscal policy objectives in Sri Lanka have undergone significant changes during the last two decades". Discuss.
7. Describe the major issues related to privatization of public sector institutions in Sri Lanka in the recent past.
8. Explain the effects of the recent economic policies on the subsistence agricultural sector in Sri Lanka.
9. Write short notes on any **two (02)** of the following.
  - (i) Dismantling of price controls
  - (ii) Challenges of apparel industries in Sri Lanka
  - (iii) Achievements in Millennium Development Goals in Sri Lanka.