

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
 BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL IV
 FINAL EXAMINATION - 2009
 SSU 2204 – ECONOMY OF SRI LANKA : STRUCTURE & ANALYSIS



DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date 13th June 2009

Time: 1.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.

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

1. (i) Explain the major differences between the plantation sector and the subsistence agricultural sector in Sri Lanka.
 (ii) What factors have permitted these two distinct sectors to exist side by side?
2. Considering the link between subsidies, the government budget and government investment, why might the granting of subsidies have an adverse effect on future economic development?
3. Explain the major characteristics of land policies implemented by the successive governments of the independent Sri Lanka.
4. (i) Define "Economic liberalization policy"
 (ii) Describe the role of the private sector in a liberalized economy.
5. Outline the salient features of employment trends in the post – 1977 period in Sri Lanka.
6. (i) Differentiate the major forms of unemployment.
 (ii) Explain how the unemployment problem in Sri Lanka can be addressed.
7. Review poverty alleviation strategies and programmes in the post-1977 period.
8. Write short notes on any **three (03)** of the following.
 - (i) Structural Adjustment Programme (SAP)
 - (ii) Employment mismatch
 - (iii) Reduction of tariff on imports
 - (iv) Import Substitution Industrialisation (ISI)
 - (v) Land Commission of 1958

