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BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL IV  
FINAL EXAMINATION - 2010  
SSU 2204 – ECONOMY OF SRI LANKA : STRUCTURE & ANALYSIS**

**DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS**

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**Date 13<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

**Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.**

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

1.    a.    Briefly explain the concept of transitional economy.  
      b.    “The 1990s was a turning point in the history of the plantation sector in Sri Lanka”. Comment.
  
2.    a.    Explain the problem of the vicious circle of poverty and indebtedness among subsistence farmers in Sri Lanka.  
      b.    “The economic policies adopted to solve the problems faced by subsistence cultivators in Sri Lanka have been successful”. Do you agree? State reasons.
  
3.    a.    Comment on supply potential, market potential and investment potential as the key elements of export potential.  
      b.    Illustrate the key strategies adopted by the Sri Lankan government to promote non-traditional agricultural export products.
  
4.    a.    Outline the three (03) phases of demographic transition in Sri Lanka.  
      b.    How do you think rapid population growth will affect economic development?
  
5.    “Land settlement policies adopted during the post independence period have made Sri Lanka a self sufficient nation”. Discuss.

6.
  - a. Differentiate the major forms of unemployment.
  - b. Present your reasons on unemployment among the educated youth in Sri Lanka.

7. "Real progress must ultimately depend on industrialization"

-Jawaharlal Nehru-

Do you agree with the above statement with respect to developing countries? Give reasons.

8. Write short notes on any three (03) of the following.
  - a. Drawbacks of the poverty alleviation strategies in Sri Lanka
  - b. Alternative means of defining small farmers
  - c. Phase I and II of land reforms
  - d. Economic impact of ageing population

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