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**SSU 2204: ECONOMY OF SRI LANKA: STRUCTURE & ANALYSIS**



**FINAL EXAMINATION**

**Date: 02 November 2014**

**Time: 1.30 pm – 4.30 pm**

**Instructions:** Answer any five (05) questions. Each question carries equal marks.

1. 'The recent statistics show that as many as 2.6 million people have moved out of poverty over the past 20 years in Sri Lanka'. Discuss the poverty reduction experiences of Sri Lanka with reference to a major development programme implemented during this period.
2. Distribution of 'Land to the Landless community' is the major objective of the Land Reforms adopted in Sri Lanka. Explain the developmental outcomes of a key land distribution programme initiated after the 1970s.
3. Examine unemployment trends in Sri Lanka during the last decade.
4. According to the recent population projections, the share of those over 60 years of age will rise to 17 percent by 2021. Discuss the implications of this possible demographic change on the economy of Sri Lanka.
5. Discuss the recent changes introduced in the plantation sector of Sri Lanka with special reference to the strategic plan proposed by the government to improve productivity and profitability of the sector.
6. One of the key indicators of economic development of a country is its level of industrialization. Discuss Sri Lanka's experiences of Export Oriented Industrialization in the post liberalization period.
7. Discuss the factors that contributed to the development of non-traditional agricultural exports in the post liberalization period in Sri Lanka.
8. "Whereas financial policy deals with money, interest, and credit allocation, fiscal policy focuses on government taxation and expenditure". Critically analyze the experiences of Sri Lanka in terms of its increased expenditure on economic infrastructure programmes.
9. Write short notes on any **two (2)** of the following.
  - (i) Contribution of Apparel industries to the export sector of Sri Lanka
  - (ii) Revenue and expenditure patterns in Sri Lanka after 2000.
  - (iii) The role of foreign remittances in the economy of Sri Lanka
  - (iv) Sri Lanka's foreign borrowing for development work.

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