

**THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRILANKA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES**  
**BA IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – 2015/2016**  
**FINAL EXAMINATION - LEVEL 5 (SEMESTER II)**  
**SSU3206 - COMPARATIVE STUDY ON ECONOMIES**



**DURATION: 03 HOURS**

**Date: 20<sup>th</sup> March 2016**

**Time: 09.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.**

**Instructions**

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

1. Discuss the principle of Laissez faire based on the experiences of England economy in the 19th century.
2. “Reducing inequality, removal of poverty and attainment of self- reliance are the major goals of the Five Year Plans of India” Discuss.
3. Explain the factors that helped to revive the economy of Japan after the World War II.
4. Discuss the changes that took place with respect to education, infrastructure and industries in Japan during the Meiji restoration from 1868 -1910.
5. Examine the factors that contributed to the fall of the Tokugawa Regime in Japan.
6. Discuss the specific goals of modernization programme implemented by the reformists in China during the latter part of 1980s.
7. Appraise the role of the States of East Asian countries in terms of their economic advancement.
8. “The HDI (2014) of South Korea was 0.89, Taiwan 0.88, US 0.91 and China 0.71. As the above statistics show, the figures for South Korea and Taiwan are closer to that of the US than China. Critically comment on that.
9. Write short notes on any **two (02)** of the following.
  - i. Influence of merchants in England Parliament
  - ii. Japanese exposed to Western ideas.
  - iii. BRICS economies
  - iv. Taiwan and Korea Competitiveness