

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCE – LEVEL 4
FINAL EXAMINATION (2017/2018)



SSU2252 DSU4652 –DEVELOPMENT THEORY AND PRACTICE
DURATION: THREE (3) HOURS

Date: May 12th 2018

Time: 1.30 to 4.30 p.m.

Answer four (05) questions ONLY. Each question carries 20 marks.

- 1) Explain the social context within which the idea of development emerged in the west particularly in the mid-20th century.
- 2) Describe/illustrate Rostow's economic growth theory of 1960 and examine its limitations particularly for understanding the situation of less developed nations.
- 3) By late 1960s many of the developed nations had established educational institutions within their own countries to 'produce knowledge of the less developed nations. What were these institutions? What were these for? Why were these institutions located within their own developed world rather than in the developing countries where the problems actually existed?
- 4) Select any growth model of development and critically analyse their strengths and limitations
- 5) Describe the development perspectives on women and gender. Evaluate their relevance to Sri Lanka.
- 6) What is humanitarian aid? How do we ensure the efficiency of humanitarian aid at times of conflict and natural disaster with special focus on Sri Lanka?
- 7) Can we measure development? If so, what are the most suitable elements to be included as you see?
- 8) If you were invited to develop a theoretical frame of development suited to the national, local context, what would you select and why?
- 9) Write short notes on any Three of the following;

(a) Natural disaster	(d) Amathya Sen
(b) HDI	(e) Development in Sri Lanka today
(c) Happiness index	

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