

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
 BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL 5
 FINAL EXAMINATION – SEMESTER II - 2017/18
 SSU3136/DSU5336 – URBAN ECONOMICS



DURATION: THREE HOURS (03 HOURS)

Date: 10th June 2018

Time: 9.30a.m. – 12.30p.m.

Instructions:

➤ **Answer 5 questions only. Each question carries 20 marks.**

1. (a) Compare the concepts, a city, an urbanized area and a metropolitan area. (8 Marks)
 (b) What are the root causes of urban problems? Examine how governments respond to these problems. (12 Marks)
2. “Cities grew, creating socio economic problems.” Explain what are those socio economic problems and give your suggestions to overcome those problems. (20 Marks)
3. How do governments address land administration and management policies to overcome urban housing issues? Discuss with examples. (20 Marks)
4. (a) What are the needs and demands of urban housing? (08 Marks)
 (b) Explain the causes of urban homelessness with examples. (12 Marks)
5. (a) Explain the term “Economies of Agglomeration” in your own words. (8 Marks)
 (b) Explain the reasons for the variation in growth between cities with examples. (12 Marks)
6. (a) Explain the relationship between globalization and growth of global cities. (8 Marks)
 (b) Explain the role of city regions? Provide examples where necessary. (12 Marks)
7. (a) Explain the urban environmental challenges with examples. (08 Marks)
 (b) Describe how Sri Lankan government responds to these challenges. (12 Marks)
8. Critically explain the recent trends in global environmental planning and management. (20 Marks)
9. Write short notes on any **four (04)** of the following:
 (a) City Clusters
 (b) Mega City Regions
 (c) Urban Planning
 (d) Insecurity and Urban Risk
 (e) The Defensive City (5 Marks Each)