THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIESS BA DEGREE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES (OLD SYLLABUS) -- LEVEL 5 FINAL EXAMINATION 2018/19 SSU3204 -- INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND FINANCIAL RELATIONS



DURATION - THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 10.02.2019 Time: 09.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Instructions:

- > Answer any five (05) questions. All questions carry equal marks.
- 1. (a) Explain the nature of Mercantilist economic system.
 - (b) Examine the validity of policies adopted by Mercantilists.
- 2. (a) Compare and contrast the Absolute Advantage Theory and the Comparative Advantage Theory by illustrating examples
 - (b) Does the argument espoused by Heckscher Ohlin Theory apply to trade within a country? Explain.
- 3. Critically examine the arguments against free trade. Provide examples where necessary.
- 4. (a) Briefly explain the main exchange rate regimes.
 - (b) Examine the factors affecting exchange rate depreciation with examples.
- 5. (a) Describe the major components of the Balance of Payment accounts.
 - (b) Explain the main consequences of Balance of Payment deficit and how countries overcome this problem.
- 6. (a) Explain the major decisions taken at the Uruguay Round.
 - (b) Describe the role of the World Trade Organization with examples.
- 7. Explain the four types of regional integration among countries and discuss the advantages and disadvantages of these arrangements.
- 8. (a) Explain the nature of trade negotiations in Asia.
 - (b) Examine the factors that adversely affect cooperation among SAARC countries.
- 9. Write short notes on any four of the followings.
 - (a) SAPTA

(d) Factor Price Equalization

(b) Edgeworth Box

(e)Dumping

(c) Floating Exchange Rate

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