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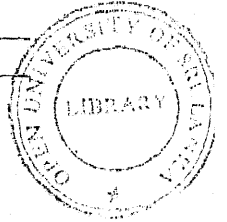
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**FINAL EXAMINATION – 2008
MCP 2607 - POLICY ANALYSIS
DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS**

Date : 22nd March 2009

Time : 1.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.



**Answer Any Five (05) Questions
All questions carry equal marks**

1. Examine briefly the main steps in the policy process giving examples in relation to a public policy you are familiar with.
2. Discuss the options and sources available for a policy analyst to carry out active issue search?
3. Examine the usefulness of the Stages Approach as a conceptual framework for grasping the complexity of public policy.
4. Explain the main features of the Punctuated Equilibrium Theory. Discuss its strengths and weaknesses as a framework to understand policy decision-making.
5. What are the types of policy instruments that the government could use to change the behavior of people and achieve the desired policy objectives?
6. Discuss the role played by (i) the United Nations, (ii) International Monetary Fund (IMF) and (iii) Non-Governmental Organizations in the globalization process.
7. a. Explain why program evaluation is important to policy makers and policy implementers.
b. Show the difference between formative evaluation and summative evaluation of development programs.

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