THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
CERTIFICATE COURSE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL I
FINAL EXAMINATION – 2006
SSF 1302 – GEOGRAPHY

DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 25th November 2006	Time: 9.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon

Answer <u>question one (01)</u> and <u>four (04)other questions</u>, selecting one question from each part.
World maps are provided.

1. Mark and name the following in a world map.
    (a) Five major countries in the Asian Region that were affected due to the natural disaster in recent times.
    (b) Five major coal extracting centres in the Northern Hemisphere.
    (c) Four Mediterranean climatic regions.
    (d) Berlin, Copenhagen, Stockholm, Lake Superior and River Volga
    (20 marks)

PART I

2. (a) Briefly state the relationship between man and environment.   (5 marks)
    (b) Explain the characteristics of environmental possibilism.   (15 marks)

3. Discuss the importance of resource management in the context of future consumption patterns .
    (20 marks)

4. Write short notes on any <u>two (02)</u> of the following topics.
    (i)   Primitive cultivation
    (ii) Nomadic herding
    (iii) Exhaustible resources
    (iv) Dairy farming
    (20 marks)

PART II

5. Discuss the challenges that are faced by the paddy farmers in maximizing their production in the Asian region.
    (20 marks)

6. (a) Name the three major types of commercial fishing industries in the world.
    (03 marks)
    (b) Explain with suitable examples the characteristics of any two major types of fishing industries.
    (17 marks)

7. (a) Name four major tropical plantation agricultural crops. (4 marks)

    (b) Select one of these plantation agricultural crop and explain the pattern of growth of that crop in the tropical region. (16 marks)

PART III

8. (a) What are the sparsely populated regions in the World? (5 marks)

    (b) Select one of these regions and discuss the factors that have contributed towards such a situation. (15 marks)

9. Explain with examples the impact of transportation on trade. (20 marks)

10. Discuss briefly the steps that should be taken to minimize population pressure within cities in developing countries. (20 marks)

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