

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
 COMMONWEALTH EXECUTIVE MASTER OF BUSINESS/PUBLIC
 ADMINISTRATION DEGREE PROGRAMME
 FINAL EXAMINATION- 2015
 MCP 2608 CONTEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEMS



DURATION :Three (3) hours

DATE: 19.12.2015

TIME: 09.30a.m – 12.30p.m.

**Answer five (5) questions time:
 All questions carry equal marks**

1. (a) How do you define 'public administration'? (05 marks)
 (b) Discuss how public administration has evolved as a separate field of study with its own identity in the first half of the 20th century. (05 Marks)
2. (a) Explain with examples the difference between unicameral legislature and bicameral legislature. (08 marks)
 (b) Describe the basic functions of legislature giving examples from Sri Lanka and another Commonwealth country you are familiar with. (12 marks)
3. (a) What do you mean by 'separation of power'? (05 marks)
 (b) Explain why Western democracies advocate the need for separation of politics from administration. (15 marks)
4. Critically examine to what extent Max Weber's ideal type of bureaucracy is useful to explain the public sector bureaucracy of Sri Lanka. (20 marks)
5. Over the past few years the public sector employment of Sri Lanka has reached an unprecedented level (1.33 million in 2014) compared to the public sector employment of the countries of the region, creating some adverse effects on the government budget. Give your comments on this. (20marks)
6. Explain with examples the main characteristics of New Public Management (NPM), which has replaced the traditional public administration system since late 1970s. (20 marks)

7. (a) Briefly explain the purpose of the budget of a country with a democratic system of governance. (08 marks)
- (b) Examine how Parliament could exercise its oversight role on public expenditure in order to maintain accountability of the executive branch of the government. (12 marks)

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