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SSU2154/DSU4354: ECONOMY AND SOCIETY



DURATION: THREE HOURS (3 HOURS)

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Date: 20<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Time: 01.30 p.m. – 04.30 p.m.

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**Instructions:**

- Please answer five (5) questions only.
  - Each answer will be marked out of twenty (20) marks.
1. Discuss economic and non-economic facets of neoliberalism.
  2. Using examples, discuss the concept of governmentality developed by Michel Foucault and how it explains disciplining as a modern form of rule.
  3. There are two main living worlds- *village* and *estate*- established in relation to plantation communities. Discuss the implications of this on social and economic life of plantation workers.
  4. “Free Trade Zone Workers, particularly women, undergo hard, stigmatized life conditions.” Do you agree with this statement? Justify your answer with examples.
  5. Explain the differences between formal and informal employment sectors. Do you think that the state should intervene in employment sectors? Justify your answer.
  6. Milton Friedman’s famous statement, “Crisis is an opportunity”, can be applied to the Sri Lankan civil war in both positive and negative ways. Do you agree or disagree with this? Justify your answer with examples.
  7. Explain the term ‘milibus’ (military business) and how the involvement of the military in civilians’ affairs in post-war Sri Lanka can have an impact on democracy.

8. Discuss the arguments for and against the welfare state. What is your position on the welfare state and why do you think so?
9. Write short notes on four (4) of the following:
  - a. Dual economy in plantation sector
  - b. Imperialism
  - c. Postcolonial theory
  - d. Accumulation by dispossession
  - e. Rise and decline of the class struggle
  - f. Adam Smith and the "Invisible hand" of the market

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