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 FINAL EXAMINATION – 2019  
 DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Time: 9.30 am - 12.30 pm

Answer four (04) questions. Each question carries 25 marks.

1. "The alternation of power between the two major political parties in Sri Lanka had both positive and negative consequences for human development." Discuss with references to policy changes and their continuity rooted in new governments elected from 1948-1994.
2. Give an account of how political ideology inspired international policies of UN, IMF, and World Bank influenced the socio-economic development in Sri Lanka after 1994.
3. "In Sri Lanka's development history, 1977 regime change marks a decisive turning point and change of direction concerning development policy." Discuss.
4. Sri Lanka had relatively high levels of unemployment during the period 1965-1977 resulting from many factors. Explain as to what policies led to this situation.
5. Explain how the internal conflicts and external shocks affect the development process in a country, taking examples from post-independence Sri Lanka.
6. Discuss how the policies adopted prior to independence influenced the state to become the main provider of health care, education, public housing, and various subsidized goods and services as forms of social assistance.
7. What are the pros and cons of the Sri Lankan welfare state?
8. Was the Land reform introduced in 1972 and 1975 bring about a momentum towards egalitarian society in Sri Lanka? Discuss.
9. Explain the changing role of the government in the post-independent Sri Lanka.