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FINAL EXAMINATION - 2009**

DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 15th August 2009

Time: 1.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Answer three (03) questions only

1. Discuss the major economic strategies adopted during the Pre – 1977 period in Sri Lanka.
2. Explain the major economic reforms adopted in Sri Lanka since 1977
3. “Although it was protective of its imperial interests, the British colonial state facilitated the emergence of the liberal democratic order “. Discuss.
4. “The weakening of constitutionalism was the prominent factor that had contributed to the emergence of violent conflict in the 1970s”. Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.
5. “Sri Lanka’s poor economic performance in the post independence period compared to many other South East Asian and East Asian countries was due to a development strategy which gave undue priority to social welfare”. Comment critically on this statement and examine the reasons for the difference in performance.
6. What are the major problems Sri Lanka faces as an aging society?
7. “The social welfare programme not only gained the continuing support of all political parties during the post independence period. It generated political competition among parties who sought to outdo each other and this became a hindrance to sound policy making”. Comment critically and analyse the factors that contributed to this situation.
8. Critically evaluate Sri Lanka’s strategies for the reduction of poverty since independence.



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