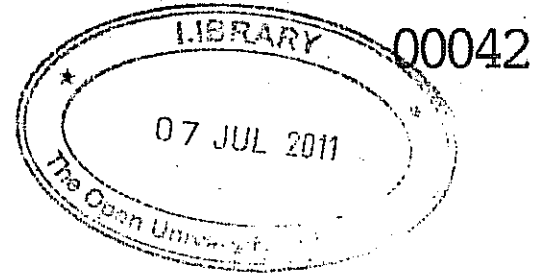




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SSP1222/1215 – CONCEPT OF DEVELOPMENT

FINAL EXAMINATION – 2010

DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS



Date: 07 November, 2010

Time: 9.30 am – 12.30 pm

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

1. "The concept of human development as it has evolved from 1990 onwards synthesised the different approaches to development that had preceded it". Discuss with reference to (a) Why the date 1990 is significant? (b) What were the main landmarks in the evolution of the concept of development from 1960-1990?
2. What are the main indicators you would use to assess the processes of development as distinct from the outcomes? In answering the question clearly distinguish between processes and outcomes and identify the main processes and outcomes which you will take into account in your evaluation of the quality of development.
3. "In defining the concept of and approach to development, we need to take into account the UN Conventions, Covenants and Declarations on human rights". Discuss this statement with specific reference to the following questions: (a) What Declarations, Conventions and Covenants would you select as having had significant impact? (b) In what way did they change the approach to development policy and strategy? Support your argument with examples.
4. "There has been a convergence between the rights- based approach to development emerging from the UN system and the positivistic approaches to development taken by the World Bank and the IMF". Discuss.
5. "During the Cold War (1948- 1990) the concept of development was contested by two major political ideologies." Discuss and analyze the nature of this ideological conflict and its impact on the approaches to development taken by the developing countries with particular reference to its impact on Sri Lanka.

6. Examine the impact of globalization on the developing countries. How would you evaluate the overall impact for both the positive as well as negative consequences of globalization considering its economic political and socio-cultural effects?
7. Select any two of the following and list the indicators you would use for evaluating and monitoring them:
 - (a) Gender inequality
 - (b) Human Poverty
 - (c) The management of the Government Budget including fiscal policies
 - (d) The management of the Balance of Payments
 - (e) Demographic change

Explain how the indicators are calculated and assess their importance as development indicators.

8. "The Right to Development is the right which includes all other human rights. It gives expression to the indivisibility of human rights". Discuss and critically assess the value of the Declaration of the Right to Development.