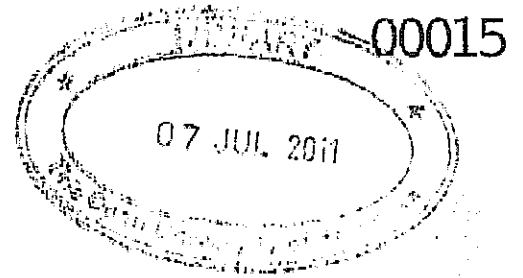




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FINAL EXAMINATION – 2010
DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS



Date: 20 November, 2010

Time: 9.30 am – 12.30 pm

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

1. Evaluate the impact of government's liberalization policies on the economy and its impact on the plantation industry in Sri Lanka.
2. Critically evaluate the programmes implemented by the government to eradicate poverty and inequity in line with the targets of Millennium Development Goals.
3. "Sri Lankan labour organisations are concerned with performing the basic functions attributed to trade unions such as interaction with employees and attempting to gain improvements in wages, working conditions and other occupational matters for their membership". Elucidate the statement with reference to the present context.
4. The steady progress of the social indicators in the 1977-1986 period was the direct outcome of the economic reforms. Give a critical analysis of this assessment.
5. "It is widely accepted that the declining trends in fertility in recent years is one of the leading underlying forces for the structural changes of the age composition of population and changes of socio-economic conditions in Sri Lanka". Discuss with suitable examples.
6. Evaluate the policy changes under the Structural Adjustment Programme in Sri Lanka during the 1980s.
7. Assess the policy which focuses on the trend in Importation of food items and the attainment of food security in Sri Lanka.
8. 'High level of illiteracy (25%), no ownership of houses and high level of poverty (32%) are the striking features of the plantation sector in Sri Lanka'. How would you explain this situation in the context of policy making in Sri Lanka.