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Date: 20th August 2011

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

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

1. Analyse how the constitution making process and its outcomes in post independent Sri Lanka contributed to the problems of minorities and the resulting discord in Sri Lanka.
2. Critically examine the problems and issues relating to the Executive Presidency in Sri Lanka.
3. “Although Sri Lanka has made outstanding progress on the Millennium Development Goals, major challenges remain.” Discuss and examine the challenges particularly in relation to the quality of education, the nutritional status of children and women and the regional disparities in socio-economic well-being.
4. “Government policies for dealing with the problem of poverty have undergone significant changes after the economic reforms of 1977.” Discuss these changes with special reference to the policies and programmes introduced to link poverty reduction to increases in productivity and income.
5. Examine the inward-looking policies implemented by successive governments up to 1977 and evaluate their impact on economic growth in terms of the key macro – economic variables.
6. The programme of liberalization initiated through the measures taken in the budget of 1977 was expected to “transform the economy from an inward –looking regime to an outward looking liberalized regime.” Discuss the policies of structural adjustment and stabilisation that were implemented to support the liberalization goal.
7. Critically discuss and evaluate the proposition that Sri Lanka implemented a pluralistic strategy of development which attempted to combine elements of both socialist- oriented as well as market-oriented policies.
8. “Sri Lanka’s policies and programmes to promote social development had negative impact on economic growth.” Critically comment on this statement in relation to the policies followed during the period 1948-77 examining both the levels of public expenditure on social welfare as well as the policies for promoting growth and investment.

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