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DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 27 November, 2010

Time: 9.30 am – 12.30 pm

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

1. Dysfunctional consequences of Sri Lankan bureaucracy are a threat to accelerated national development. Discuss with reference to the Ideal Model of Bureaucracy presented by Weber.
2. Economic poverty alleviation initiatives are often rendered useless in the absence of empowerment in other frontiers of life. Discuss what this means.
3. Individual transformation is vital for dynamic social change. Discuss with reference to qualities of modernity.
4. Explain the significance of equity and equality in the context of developing countries like Sri Lanka.
5. Explain the significance of Functionalist and Critical Theories in understanding the role of a social institution of your choice.
6. Culture constitutes driving forces as well as constraints to development. Critically discuss in a locally relevant manner.
7. Religion has a distinct role to play in creating a spiritually and morally awakened citizenry. Discuss with reference to Sri Lanka.
8. Discuss the significance of diverse "groups" and "organizations" in strengthening civil and political societies in the development process.