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SSP1222/1215 - CONCEPTS OF DEVELOPMENT



DURATION – THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 13th November 2011

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Answer four (04) questions.

Each question carries 25 marks.

1. Examine the concept of human development and discuss the evolution of the concept from the 1970s onwards identifying the main landmarks, conferences and reports up to 1990.
2. “In the evolution of the concept of development, UN Conventions and Covenants and Declarations on human rights played a significant role”.
 - (a) Do you agree? What declarations Conventions and Covenants on Human Rights 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.
3. “The PRSP approach taken by the World Bank and the IMF for funding development assistance attempted to correct the shortcomings in their Structural Adjustment Programmes.” Discuss.
4. “After the Second World war the concept of development was contested by two major political ideologies advocating different political and socio-economic systems”. Discuss and analyse 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.
5. Critics of globalization have pointed to many negative effects that globalization can have on the process of development in developing countries.
 - (a) What are these?
 - (b) How can developing countries deal with these challenges?
 - (c) Do the advantages of globalization outweigh these negative effects?

6. Select any three of the following and provide indicators for measuring and evaluating each:
- (i) Gender equality
 - (ii) The well-being of children
 - (iii) The structural change of an economy
 - (iv) Level of Educational attainment of a population
 - (v) Good Governance

Provide at least three indicators for each of the items selected. Explain how the indicators are calculated and assess their importance as development indicators.

7. "The concept of development acquired new dimensions in the 1980s and 1990s. Development strategy began to focus increasingly on achieving the balance between growth, equity and good governance."

Discuss and assess these new dimensions with reference to significant reports and events in the post 1980 period with particular reference to the UN system.

8. (a) Discuss the importance of the dimension of gender in the concept of development.
- (b) Review the initiatives taken within the UN system to deal with gender discrimination and promote gender equality.

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