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Date: 12th November 2011

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

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

1. (a) What are the major problems faced by the aging population in Sri Lanka?
Why do you see these as problems?
(b) Discuss how, in the long-term, health care system could address the issue of aging population in the country.
2. “Internationally Sri Lanka is seen as having very low levels of poverty”. Examine the validity of this assertion in the context of disaggregated poverty incidence in Sri Lanka.
3. Critically assess the outcomes of the housing projects implemented during 1980 -1990 and its impact on social integration in Sri Lanka.
4. “Demanding higher wages for the workers, diminishing labour productivity and low levels of labour turnout are the major issues in the privatized large scale plantation companies in Sri Lanka”.

How would you explain this situation in terms of the present labour policies in the plantation sector?
5. “Although Sri Lanka faced political instability and macro economic difficulties, the Structural Adjustment Programme (SAP) was implemented successfully over the 1980-1991 period”.

Evaluate the significant gains and adverse impact of SAPs in Sri Lanka.
6. “The country will continue to be highly dependent on imports of sugar, wheat and milk as the trends of production of such items have been unsatisfactory”.

Critically examine this statement in the context of Food Policy of Sri Lanka.
7. “Wage and welfare are the major commitments of the Trade Unions”

Discuss this statement in relation to trade union activities in recent years.
8. Write short notes on the following topics.
(i) Macroeconomic Instability and the Future of Sri Lanka
(ii) Demographic Transition in Sri Lanka