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Date: 24.11.2013

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30p.m.

Answer four (04) questions. Each Question carries equal marks.

1. Sri Lanka is often criticised for spending more than it earns, which results in unsustainable fiscal deficits. Examine the consequences of persistent fiscal deficits and the measures adopted by Sri Lanka to finance such deficits.
2. Comment on the policy options available to Sri Lanka that could ensure fiscal stability in the long run.
3. While rights were largely realized at the level of basic needs in the early period, (even before independence), problems emerged in the post 1977 phase of development which imposed strains on the system. Discuss in relation to policies and programmes in the Health sector.
4. While rights were largely realized at the level of primary and secondary education in the post independence phase in Sri Lanka, the system did not develop the capacity to address the challenges of the post secondary phase. What were these challenges? Why was the system unable to address them?
5. Analysts have drawn attention to both positive and negative consequences of the regular changes of government in Sri Lanka during the post independence period. Identify the main positive and negative elements you would bring into a “balance sheet” when evaluating the impact of these changes.
6. “The change of government in 1977 is the main dividing line in the development history of post independent Sri Lanka.” Discuss.
7. Explain the theory of political development as espoused by Walt W. Rostow and briefly discuss its relevance to the Sri Lankan context.
8. The doctrine of Separation of Powers has been steadily eroded in Sri Lanka during the last 50 years. Discuss with reference to the political eras under the three Sri Lankan Constitutions: the 1947 Soulbury Constitution, the 1972 Republican Constitution and the present 1978 Constitution.

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