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SSP1222/1215 – CONCEPTS OF DEVELOPMENT



DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 03rd March 2013

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

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

1. Distinguish between theories and ideologies of development, illustrating your discussion with examples.
2. “The first UN development decade 1960-70 focused on economic growth, trade and aid. But there were several initiatives taken by UN Agencies and international groups which drew attention to other dimensions of development including global inequalities ” Discuss with reference to the development strategies and targets set in the first UN Development Decade and the dimensions of development highlighted by other agencies.
3. List the main international conferences and other initiatives, which were landmarks in the evolution of the concept of development during the period 1970-1980 and discuss how each of them contributed to our understanding of development.
4. “The development ideology of Sri Lanka was a mix of several traditions”, Discuss. Analyse the mix of ideologies that influenced development policies in the economic political and social spheres. How would you assess the mix for its positive and negative outcomes?
5. “The Rights- Based Approach to development and the UN Covenants and initiatives on which it was based added a new dimension to the concept of development. Above all it helped to protect the poor during the process of structural adjustment.” Discuss. What were the main UN Covenants and initiatives relevant to the rights based approach? What is the place of the poverty reduction strategy in the context of the rights based approach? How did it modify the role of the IMF and the World Bank?

6. Answer:

EITHER

- (a) "When constructing a framework of indicators for the purpose of development analysis it is important to take account of the different types of indicators and the way they function as input, process or outcome indicators" Discuss the need for the different type of indicators referred to in the statement and provide examples of these types of indicators.

OR

- (b) International agencies have developed a number of Indices (indexes) to measure development that challenged the importance of economic growth alone as a measure of development. Name three such multi-dimensional Indices and describe the aspects of development measured by each of them.
7. "The evolution of the concept of development culminated in the concept of human development as it was elaborated in the UNDP report of 1990." Discuss and analyse how the approach and methodology taken in the UNDP report helps us to define the multi-dimensional nature of development"
8. "The positive effects of globalization far outweigh the negative" Discuss this proposition in relation to the economic political and socio-cultural effects of globalization.