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FINAL EXAMINATION – 2014



DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 13.12.2014

Time: 09.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Answer four (04) questions.

01. Critically evaluate Sri Lanka's performance in human development in the post-independence period up to 1977 using relevant social economic and political indicators.
02. Identify and analyse the main social, economic and political challenges that Sri Lanka currently faces in realising the goals of sustainable human development. How have these challenges emerged?
03. Critically examine the major economic policy shifts that happened in the past decade drawing reference to trade liberalization and regional economic arrangements.
04. It is often argued that Sri Lanka's debt-driven economic growth is unsustainable. Critically analyse the policy options Sri Lanka has so as to minimize dependence on debt selling
05. Government policies based on a humanitarian approach to development adopted prior to independence and up to the 1970s provided significant benefits to the people. However, the outcomes of these policies impinged on basic rights of some groups of the population. Discuss with reference to either Education or Health policies and outcomes.
06. Identify and evaluate the changes and modifications in the social welfare programme and strategies for poverty reduction, following the liberalisation of the economy and structural adjustments in the post 1977 period.
07. What is meant by Political Development? Discuss the relevance of Walt W. Rostow's theory of political development to the Sri Lankan political context.
08. What is meant by 'Separation of Powers'? Discuss the extent to which legal and political structures complied with this doctrine under each of the three constitutional eras of Sri Lanka.

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