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DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 23rd March 2014

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

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

1. “Food self sufficiency is not an essential condition for food security” Discuss with reference to Sri Lanka’s policies for the development of domestic agriculture for food security.
2. “The problem of poverty in Sri Lanka is multi-dimensional”. Discuss and assess Sri Lanka’s strategies and policies to deal with the multi-dimensional character of poverty.
3. “The social welfare programme and the policies in domestic agriculture played a key role in the reduction of poverty in Sri Lanka”. Comment critically on this statement with reference to the policies for the reduction of poverty followed after 1977.
4. Identify the different phases of the demographic transition in Sri Lanka and discuss the policy responses in each phase.
5. “Sri Lanka has become an aging society at a relatively low level of income” Discuss and analyse the main problems that Sri Lanka faces in the present stage of the demographic transition.
6. “The role and scope of trade unions in the estate sector extended beyond the conventional economic role” Analyse the conditions that contributed to this situation and comment on the political and social dimensions of that role.
7. “The productivity and profitability of the large scale plantation sector in Sri Lanka is declining.” Discuss and appraise as to what extent government policy could address this problem.
8. Provide an appraisal of the structural adjustment and stabilization policies in Sri Lanka after 1977.