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FINAL EXAMINATION – 2019

DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 06th January 2019

Time: 09.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Instructions:

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

1. One could argue that self-sufficiency in food is not an essential requirement for food security. Explain with reference to steps taken to develop domestic agriculture for food security.
2. “Poverty is a problem that is multi-dimensional”. What are the significant steps taken in Sri Lanka by way of policies and strategies to address poverty?
3. Demographic transition in Sri Lanka had different phases that demanded policy responses to suit each phase. Discuss
4. The social welfare programme together with domestic agricultural policies resulted in a reduction of poverty since 1977. Discuss how it happened.
5. Sri Lanka has become an aging society at a low level of income. Discuss the related problems the country faces in this context.
6. The role of estate sector trade unions in Sri Lanka, extended beyond the conventional economic role. Discuss
7. “One cannot say that profitability and productivity of large scale plantations in Sri Lanka have increased”. Critically discuss
8. Make an assessment of the policies aimed at structural adjustment and stabilization in Sri Lanka since 1977

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