

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
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 MARGA-OUSL COLLABORATIVE PROGRAMME – LEVEL VII
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 FINAL EXAMINATION – 2019



DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 05th January 2019

Time: 09.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Instructions:

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

1. (a) Explain the significance of history of development. What factors are important when we study the historical background of development?
 (b) How does it differ from other forms of history?
2. Structural weaknesses regarding economic and political institutions resulted in Sri Lanka lagging some of the Asian States that were not formidable few decades ago. Critically discuss.
3. Discuss the nature of some of the Social Welfare programmes in education, health and poverty alleviation from 1948-77, using indicators to measure performance.
4. What was the overall impact of the changes resulting from alternation of power between two major parties on development policies? Discuss
5. It is believed that the change of political regime in 1977, resulted in reforms that led to higher economic growth and sustainable development. Discuss with reference to criteria of human development governing, social, economic and political sectors.
6. Analyze the factors that enabled Sri Lanka to sustain a steady rate of growth in the region of 5% during 1990-2000 decade despite expenditure for war.
7. What were the major constitutional reforms introduced by the political regime of 1977.
8. Write short notes on the following:
 - (a) The second youth insurgency in the second half of 1980s
 - (b) The Janasaviya Poverty Alleviation Programme
 - (c) The Gam Udawa Programme
 - (d) The Hartal of 1953

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