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SSP 1215 – CONCEPTS OF DEVELOPMENT**

DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 15th November 2008

Time 9.30 a.m. — 12.30 p.m.

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

1. “Development introduces a new element, a new pattern, a reconfiguration of what has existed.” How does this statement apply to the evolution of the concept of development during the period 1970-1980? Illustrate with reference to the main landmarks in the approaches to and strategies of development during this period and analyse how they altered and enhanced the concept of development.
2. “Development is a process in which the fundamentals of development have to be in a state of dynamic equilibrium”. Explain this statement and answer the following: What do you understand by the fundamentals of development? What are the indicators that you would use to examine the behavior of these fundamentals? How can these be maintained in a state of dynamic equilibrium? Illustrate with examples.
3. “After the Second World War the concept of development was contested by two major political ideologies.” Discuss and analyse the impact of this ideological conflict on the approaches to development taken by the developing countries with particular reference to its impact on Sri Lanka.
4. “The process of globalization has resulted in a global market with international codes and regulatory systems that has had the effect of improving the well being of the world population as a whole”. Discuss this statement by examining the economic, political and social outcomes of globalization with particular reference to the economies, the working population and governance of developing countries.

5. Name an index developed by an international agency to monitor and evaluate the performance of countries for each of the following fields:

Human Development

Civil Liberty and Freedom

Gender related Development

Selected one of these and analyse the index, explain how it is constructed. And demonstrate its worth by applying it to a development condition or issue of your choice.

6. What are the indicators you would use for evaluating and monitoring the following?

- (i) The incidence of poverty
- (ii) The state of health of the population
- (iii) Sound macro-economic management
- (iv) Demographic change

Explain how the indicators are calculated and assess their importance as development indicators.

7. "The UN covenants and conventions on human rights have had a major impact on the concept of development and development policies" Substantiate this statement with reference to the main covenants and charters drawing attention to the way in which these instruments have had an overall impact on development policy as well as on specific development issues.

8. What do you understand by the terms "positive rights" "negative rights" and "progressive realization" as they are applied to human rights? Discuss these different types of rights with reference to the relevant UN Covenants, Conventions the SAARC Social Charter and the Right to Development and indicate how the progressive realization of particular rights can be effectively implemented?

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