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FINAL EXAMINATION – 2008  
SSP 1114 – DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY**

**DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS**

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**Date: 29<sup>th</sup> November 2008**

**Time 1.30 p.m. — 4.30 p.m.**

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

1. Make a critical assessment of the policies relating to the plantation sector implemented by governments in post independent Sri Lanka.
2. Critically discuss the nature of devolution of power to be made possible through the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the 1978 Constitution with regard to Provincial administration.
3. Evaluate the type of policies that need to be devised to address the decline of mortality rate in Sri Lanka.
4. Appraise the structural adjustment programmes guided through the policy decisions of successive governments in the post independent period.
5. “The import substitution strategies relating to food have paved the way for the rise of per calorie and protein intake in the first two decades after Sri Lanka achieved independence”. Discuss
6. “Poverty is sometimes defined as lack of well being while income inequality is a manifestation of social exclusion”. Examine the statement with suitable evidence in the context of Sri Lanka.
7. Examine the effects of expanding trade unionism in the rural sector and its political ramifications in Sri Lanka.
8. Discuss the government policies which contributed towards a rapid increase in public expenditure in Sri Lanka from the 1950s to 1980s.