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COMMONWEALTH EXECUTIVE MASTER OF BUSINESS/PUBLIC ADMINSITRATION
FINAL EXAMINATION – March 2009
MCP 1651 – PUBLIC POLICY
DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 22.03.2009	**Time: 9.30 am – 12.30 pm**

Instructions: Answer any five (05) Questions. Each answer carries equal marks. Illegible hand writing may cause loss of marks.

1. Public sector accountability is not about making profits for the shareholders, but rather about adding value to the community. Examine this statement in relation to the interests of different stakeholders involved in the policy making process.

2. State three arguments in favor of peoples' participation in the policy/ decision making process and discuss their validity with regard to recent policy decisions on food security.

3. Critics are of the view that free education policy in Sri Lanka has failed to add value to the society. Do you agree? Justify your answer with evidence that support or challenge this view.

4. Briefly outline the stages in the process of policy making, and examine the importance of policy evaluation in terms of its contribution to improving the effectiveness of public policy.

5. What are the important features of the Westminster Model of public policy making? Comment on its relevance to Sri Lanka in improving the policy making process.

6. In the context of globalization, public policy in a developing state is likely to be influenced by the interests of powerful global actors. Examine this statement in relation to the privatization policy adopted in Sri Lanka.

7. Devolution of power is a prescription for enhancing the participation of a wider segment of citizens in the process of policy making and implementation. How true is this statement in the context of Sri Lanka?

8. What role do public servants play in the process of policy making and implementation? In your opinion what measures are needed to make public servants play their role more effectively?

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