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COMMONWEALTH EXECUTIVE MASTER OF BUSINESS/PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
FINAL EXAMINATION – 2010
MCP 1651 – PUBLIC POLICY
DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS

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Date: 15th May 2010 **Time: 9.30 a.m – 12.30 p.m**

Answer five questions.

1. Critically examine the key policy instruments that a government could use to implement its policies citing examples from the Commonwealth countries.
(20 marks)

2. Explain the main stages of policy cycle with reference to a policy you are familiar with.
(20 marks)

3. (a) Discuss the distinction between policy appraisal and policy analysis.
(10 marks)

   (b) Explain the time dimension in policy analysis as illustrated by Carley
(10marks)

4. Discuss the problems encountered by policy makers in terminating policies which have been implemented for sometime.
(20 marks).

5. (a) Illustrate the main features of the Westminster System of Government
(10 marks)

   (b) Discuss the lessons that Sri Lanka could learn from the Westminster System in the event of making a new constitution
(10 marks).

6. Examine the role played by mass media in policy making and implementation citing examples from Sri Lanka.
(20 marks).

7. Discuss advantages and disadvantages of the Normative-Optimum Model in understanding the policy making process in Sri Lanka.
(20 marks)

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