THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
COMMONWEALTH EXECUTIVE MASTER OF BUSINESS/PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION PROGRAMME
FINAL EXAMINATION 2011 /12
MCP1651- PUBLIC POLICY

DURATION THREE (03) HOURS

DATE: 26th February 2012 **TIME: 9.30am to 12.30pm**

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS:

- Answer any **Five (05)** questions.
- All questions carry **equal** marks.

1. "Public policy is the purposive course of action followed by an actor or set of actors dealing with a problem or a matter of concern" Comment on this statement using suitable examples. (20 marks)

2. What are the key instruments that can be used by any government to implement public policies? Discuss with examples. (20 marks)

3. Explain giving examples from Sri Lankan context, the roles played by different actors in the policy making process. (20 marks)

4. **a)** Briefly examine main features of the Westminster Model of Government (10 marks)

   b) Explain to what extent you could see such features in the government of Sri Lanka. (10 marks)

5. **a)** What do you mean by policy succession? (06 marks)

   b) Explain using examples from Sri Lanka, why it is so difficult to end programs in relation to policy succession (14 marks)

6. "Power is the ability to bring about, or measurably increase the likelihood of beneficial occurrences via government actions" Critically evaluate this statement. (20 marks)

7. **a)** Briefly explain the Rational Approach to policy making. (08 marks)

   b) Examine the suitability of adopting the Rational Approach to overcome some of the current policy issues/problems prevailing in Sri Lanka paying special reference to the advantages and disadvantages of the approach. (12 marks)

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