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MCP1651- PUBLIC POLICY
DURATION: 03 HOURS

Date: 30 November 2016 **Time: 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.**

No. of Questions: 06 No. of Pages: 01

Instructions: **Answer any Four (04) questions. All questions carry equal marks. Please note that illegible hand writing will result in loss of marks.**

1. a). What do you mean by public policy making?

(05 marks)

b). Explain the main stages of the sequential model of policy making.

(20 marks)

2. Discuss factors that influence the policy agenda, using examples from Sri Lanka.

(25 marks)

3. a). Briefly explain the Westminster model of government.

(10 marks)

b). Discuss the role and power of each institution under the Westminster system of government in the context of public policy making.

(15 marks)

4. "In the democratic system of government public servants are expected to serve the government loyally, impartially offering their frank and honest view advice regardless of the political party in power." Discuss your comment.

(25 marks)

5. a). Briefly explain 'interest groups' and Non-governmental organizations (NGOs)

(12 marks)

b). Examine with examples from Sri Lanka or other Commonwealth countries the role played by interest groups and NGOs in public policy making.

(13 marks)

6. a). What do you mean by 'normative models and descriptive models of policy making?

(05 marks)

b). Explain the rational model of policy making and its limitations in application for a country like Sri Lanka.

(20 marks)

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