THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
COMMONWEALTH EXECUTIVE MASTER OF BUSINESS/ PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
FINAL EXAMINATION –DECEMBER 2017
MCP 1651 – PUBLIC POLICY

DATE: 02.12.2017 **TIME: 1.30 P.M. – 4.30P.M.**

Answer four (4) questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. a). What are the main steps in the policy cycle? (05 marks)
   b). Discuss three of the steps in the policy cycle. (15 marks)
   c). What is meant by 'good policy'? Explain. (05marks)

2. a). Explain the notion of separation of powers under the Westminster System of Government. (10 marks)
   b). Examine the role of political and administrative executives in the policy making process giving examples from Sri Lanka. (15 marks)

3. a). 'Power is used in the policy process in overt and covert ways'. Discuss with examples. (10 marks)

   b). "A policy problem may have different answers and values (of actors) play an important role as reference point for policy choice". Critically examine this statement. (15 marks)

4. Describe with examples influence of political groups and interest groups in making policies in Sri Lanka. (25 marks)

5. a). Briefly explain policy making process under the rational model and incremental model. (15 marks)

   b). Discuss the advantages and limitations of those two models. (10 marks)

6. Assume that you are a policy advisor to the government to address the SAITAM (higher education) issues. Make your recommendations in line with any policy model to solve the problem. (25 marks)

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