

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO
FACULTY OF ARTS
FIRST YEAR EXAMINATION IN ARTS (ECONOMICS) 2017/2018
END OF THE SECOND SEMESTER
ECN 1204: WORLD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SRI LANKA
TIME ALLOWED: TWO (02) HOURS
Answer four (04) questions only

Question 01

- I. How do you explain the impact of agricultural revolution on development process?
(10 Marks)
- II. Critically examine the role of agriculture in economic growth and development.
(15 Marks)

Question 02

- I. How do you explain the contributory factors for industrial development in the world?
(10 Marks)
- II. Critically examine the role of industry in economic growth and development.
(15 Marks)

Question 03

- I. How do you explain the challenges faced by the free market economy?
(10 Marks)
- II. Critically examine the development policies proposed by the free market economy. How do these policies differ from the alternative approaches to free market economy?
(15 Marks)

Question 04

- I. How do you explain the form of Sri Lankan governance under British rule?
(10 Marks)
- II. Critically examine the changes to Sri Lankan economy under British rule.
(15 Marks)

Question 05

“Economic growth is a quantitative achievement of the economy, while economic development is a qualitative achievement of the economy”

- I. Explain the indicators of economic growth and development.
(10 Marks)

II. Critically examine the quantitative and qualitative achievements of the Sri Lankan economy.

(15 Marks)

Question 06

“Sri Lanka was said to have had a set of initial conditions conducive to achieve rapid economic growth and development at the independence”

I. Explain the initial conditions that were achieved by Sri Lanka at the independence.

(10 Marks)

II. Critically examine why Sri Lanka couldn't sustain such conditions in the long run.

(15 Marks)

Question 07

“During 1956 to 1977, Sri Lanka was majorly following a closed economic system”

I. Explain the two main features of the Sri Lankan closed economy.

(10 Marks)

II. Critically examine the import substitution strategy in Sri Lanka.

(15 Marks)

Question 08

“UNP government in 1977 immediately carried out policy reforms to liberalize the economy”

I. Explain the policy measures of the open economy in Sri Lanka.

(10 Marks)

II. Critically examine whether Sri Lanka achieved the desired outcomes of open economic policies.

(15 Marks)

Question 09

“According to World Bank and other international sources, Sri Lanka is facing lot of economic challenges at present”

I. What are these economic challenges? Explain at least two of them.

(10 Marks)

II. What are your policy recommendations in order to overcome such challenges with respect to Sri Lankan economic development?

(15 Marks)