

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO – SRI LANKA

FACULTY OF ARTS

SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION IN ARTS – SEMESTER II – 2016/17

PSC 2238 – Urban and Rural Politics in Sri Lanka

Time: Two (02) Hours

Answer **three (03)** Questions only

Each answer carries a maximum of **twenty (20)** marks

1. (a) Discuss the characteristics of colonial political economy.
(b) How did colonial political economy affect the formation of modern cities in Sri Lanka?
2. Analyze the socio-economic sources of ethnic and religious politics that emerged in the urban politics of Sri Lanka during the late 19th and 20th centuries.
3. (a) Explain the problems related to the agrarian reforms in the early independence years in Sri Lanka.
(b) How did those problems contribute to the rural youth radicalism in 1970s?
4. What are the main characteristics of patron-client relationships within urban and rural party politics in contemporary Sri Lanka? Describe.
5. Analyze the new characteristics of elite politics and youth radicalism in Sri Lanka since the introduction of economic liberalization policies in 1977.
6. Critically analyze the role of mass-media in contemporary Sri Lankan politics.
