

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

FACULTY OF ARTS

Postgraduate Diploma in Economic Development - 2017

PgDED 5212: Rural and Regional Development

Time Allowed: **Three (03) Hours**

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

1. (i) Compare and contrast the difference between 'rural development' and 'regional development' concepts.
(10 marks)
- (ii) "Sri Lanka's contemporary approach to growth and development is based on regional development" Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.
(15 marks)
2. (i) What are the determinants of rural development?
(10 marks)
- (ii) "The institutional framework is the most critical determinant of rural development in contemporary Sri Lanka" Do you agree? Give examples in support of your argument.
(15 marks)
3. (i) Define growth, development and sustainable development.
(10 marks)
- (ii) 'Growing disparities between urban and rural areas in terms of per-capita income, availability of infrastructure and rate of literacy justify special focus on rural development' Do you agree? Justify your answer with suitable examples.
(15 marks)
4. (i) What are the main characteristics of Sri Lanka's rural sector that are obstacles to rural development?
(10 marks)
- (ii) What is the role of small and medium industry sector in solving the problems of rural poverty, inequality and unemployment?
(15 marks)

5. (i) Why do we need to measure rural development? (05 marks)
(ii) Which is the most appropriate measure of development and why? (10 marks)
(ii) Write a critique on Human Development Index (10 marks)
6. (i) Should Sri Lanka have a separate national policy for rural development? (10 marks)
(ii) Why Sri Lanka's rural sector continues to be to be relatively backward and under developed despite the fact that so many policies and programs for its development have been launched by various governments during the past 5-6 decades? (15 marks)
7. (i) What are the economic implications of land fragmentation in rural Sri Lanka? (10 marks)
(ii) What do you propose to address the uncultivated and under cultivated paddy land issue in Sri Lanka? (15 marks)
8. (i) What are the major characteristics of the rural cottage industries in Sri Lanka? (10 marks)
(ii) What do you propose to promote the cottage industry in Sri Lanka? (15 marks)
9. (i) What is the role of animal husbandry in rural development of a country? (10 marks)
(ii) To what extent has the animal husbandry contributed to rural development in Sri Lanka? (15 marks)
10. Write detailed notes on any **two (02)** of the following
(i) Irrigation agriculture in rural Sri Lanka
(ii) Rural indebtedness in Sri Lanka
(iii) Agricultural marketing issues in rural Sri Lanka
(iv) Fertilizer subsidy and rice cultivation in Sri Lanka
- (12.5 marks each)

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