University of Colombo-Sri Lanka, Faculty of Arts

Second Year Examinations in Arts (Economics) 2017 (End of first semester)

ECN 2125/ ENH 2110: Rural Development and Agricultural Marketing Time: Two hours only

Answer any four (04) questions only. All questions carry equal marks.

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(a)	Examine the	key components	of agriculture	with suitable	examples.

- (b) What are the major weaknesses of the domestic agriculture of Sri Lanka?
- (c) What are the major problems faced by the plantation sector in Sri Lanka?
- (a) What are the major environmental issues in rural Sri Lanka?

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- (b) What are the contributory factors for those environmental issues?
- (c) What do you propose to address the rural environmental issues in Sri Lanka?
- (a) What are the major economic implications of agricultural revolutions?
- (b) What are the major characteristics of the green revolution?
- (c) To what extent has the green revolution affected the rural economy of Sri Lanka?
- (a) Is agriculture attractive among youths in Sri Lanka? Give reasons for your answer.
- (b) What do you propose to modernize the agriculture in Sri Lanka?
- (c) What are the major weaknesses of the agricultural extension services in Sri Lanka?
- (a) What are the major agro based rural industries in Sri Lanka?
- (b) What are the major weaknesses of those industries?
- (c) What do you propose to promote agro based rural industries in Sri Lanka?

6. (a) What are the major agricultural marketing issues in Sri Lanka? (b) To what extent have these issues affected the rural development of Sri Lanka? (c) What do you propose to overcome the agricultural marketing issues in Sri Lanka? 7. (a) What are the major rural development strategies in post independent Sri Lanka? (b) To what extent have these strategies achieved the desired objectives? (c) What are the opportunity costs of agriculture centered development strategies in Sri Lanka? 8. (a) What are the major contributory factors for the labor scarcity in rural Sri Lanka? (b) What are the economic implications of the labor scarcity in rural Sri Lanka? (b) What do you propose to address the labor scarcity in rural Sri Lanka? 9. Briefly examine the economic implications of the following statements. (a) 'Sri Lanka has rural sector loving human settlements.' (b) 'The wet zone of Sri Lanka is exploited for different purposes.' (c) 'The burden of inefficient food production in Sri Lanka is shifted to its consumers.' 10. Write detailed notes on any three (03) of the following paying special attention to Sri Lanka. iv. Water pollution i. Fertilizer subsidy ii. Rural industry v. Wage goods

iii. Agriculture education vi. Food security

(a) What are the major were beset that industries in Sn Lankar