

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO – SRI LANKA
FACULTY OF ARTS

SPECIAL DEGREE EXAMINATION IN ARTS (GEOGRAPHY) PART III
FIRST SEMESTER END EXAMINATION – 2020

GYG 4184 - Rural and Regional Development

02 Hours

Answer any three (03) questions only

Marks will be given for appropriate sketches and diagrams.

1.

- i. Name the four regional development theories. (02 Marks)
- ii. Briefly describe the features of modernization theory (04 Marks)
- iii. How does modernization theory contribute to economic development? (06 Marks)
- iv. “Modernization theory stresses not only the process of change of economic development but also the responses to that change”. Critically evaluate this statement with suitable examples. (08 Marks)

2.

- i. What do you understand by the term “Region”? (02 Marks)
- ii. Briefly explain the different types of regions in the world. (04 Marks)
- iii. Discuss with suitable examples, the factors that are responsible for the regional disparities of development in the world. (06 Marks)
- iv. Explain the measures that should be undertaken to minimize the regional disparities in the world. (08 Marks)

- 3.
- i. Define the term ‘Integrated Rural Development’. (02 Marks)
 - ii. Briefly describe the Integrated Rural Development policy in Sri Lanka. (04 Marks)
 - iii. Express your views as to how Integrated Rural Development contributes towards the development of the Sri Lankan socio-economic sector. (06 Marks)
 - iv. Discuss with suitable examples, the role of the Integrated Rural Development strategy in the development of the South Asian Region. (08 marks)
- 4.
- i. State the main concepts of the Growth Pole theory. (02 marks)
 - ii. Briefly describe the term ‘Pioneer Industry’ of the theory. (04 marks)
 - iii. Explain the agglomeration benefits mentioned in the theory. (06 marks)
 - iv. Evaluate the suitability of the theory as a regional development strategy. (08 marks)
- 5.
- i. What do you mean by “Development Planning”?. (02 marks)
 - ii. State the characteristics of local level planning. (04 marks)
 - iii. Briefly explain how local level planning is important in regional development. (06 marks)
 - iv. Evaluate the benefits of people’s participation in the regional development process. (08 marks)
6. i. Define the term “Development Project”. (02 marks)
- ii. Briefly explain the steps of the feasibility study of a project. (04 marks)
 - iii. Describe the objectives in conducting a feasibility study before the commencement of a project. (06 marks)
 - iv. Evaluate the importance of financial analysis of a project proposal. (08 marks)

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