

**University of Colombo**  
**Faculty of Graduate Studies**  
**Master of Regional Development and Planning, 2018/19**

**MRDP 501- Regional Development and Planning**  
**(Time: 3 Hours)**

**Answer any four (04) questions only**

All questions carry equal marks

- (1) (i) Explain briefly the core values of development (10 Marks)  
(ii) Discuss the major characteristics of 'Planning Region'. (15 Marks)
- (2) (i) What do you mean by 'Planning in Uncertainty'? (10 Marks)  
(ii) Explain the major problems of 'Planning in Uncertainty' with special reference to Sri Lanka. (15 Marks)
- (3) Explain briefly the major features that can be identified in the initial planning process (1947-1956) in Sri Lanka. (25 Marks)
- (4) Giving emphasis on core regions and resource frontier regions given in Friedman's model, propose very brief plan for regional development in Sri Lanka. (25 Marks)
- (5) "The Rostow's Economic Development Model was based on erroneous assumptions that failed to take into account unique structural issues of low savings and investment in developing countries". Critically examine the above statement with examples. (25 Marks)
- (6) State briefly the main objectives of Plan that were stated in the Ten-Year Plan (1956-1965) in Sri Lanka and critically examine the reasons for the failure of that planning process. (25 Marks)
- (7) To what extent the Neo-Classical growth theory is useful to understand regional development disparity. Emphasising the basic assumptions of Neo-Classical growth theory explain your answer. (25 Marks)
- (8) Write brief notes on any **Two** (02) of the following:  
(i) Planning lessons in Sri Lanka  
(ii) Community Participation in development  
(iii) Causes of regional disparities in Sri Lanka  
(iv) "Vision 2025"  
(v) The Five Year Plan 1965-1970 (2x12.5= 25 Marks)