

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO
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Masters of Regional Development and Planning - 2019/2020
Final Examination (Semester -I)
MRDP 6101: Regional Development and Planning
Answer any FOUR (04) questions only
Time: TWO (02) Hours
All questions carry equal marks

1.

A. "Development policy planning has often been a victim of political regime change in Sri Lanka" Explain how development policies have changed under the rule of different political parties.

(13 Marks)

B. What were the economic implications of frequent policy changes in Sri Lanka due to regime changes in the past 10 to 20 years?

(12 Marks)

2.

A. Examine the merits and demerits of inward oriented development policies.

(13 Marks)

B. To what extent the outward oriented development policies have been able to address the weaknesses of inward oriented policies? Explain your answer giving examples from Sri Lanka.

(12 Marks)

3.

A. "The objectives of integrated rural development programmes were to address the weaknesses of central planning in developing rural areas of Sri Lanka" Examine the statement giving examples

(13 Marks)

B. What were the reasons for the failure of integrated rural development programmes in Sri Lanka?

(12 Marks)

4. A. "According to Rostow's growth model, every country should have to pass through different stages of growth" Outline the stages of economic growth and explain the salient features of each stage.

(13 Marks)

- B. How do you evaluate the performance of Sri Lanka in the light of Rostow's growth model? Hint: focus on the weaknesses of Sri Lanka's economy as well as the weakness of the model itself.

(12 Marks)

5. A. Explain the key concepts and components of urban development planning. Examine the issues and problems encountered by urban planners.

(13 Marks)

- B. Explain what is meant by urban-rural interaction? How important are these interactions in developing both rural and urban areas?

(06 Marks)

6. A. Examine the salient features of the 10 Year Plan of Sri Lanka. Explain the nature and the role of external influences in making the 10-year Plan?

(13 Marks)

- B. Compare and contrast any two economic policy documents of different governments in the recent past.

(12 Marks)

7. Write brief explanatory notes on any two of the following:

- A. Harrod-Dornar growth model
- B. Community participation in development planning and implementation
- C. The direction of economic policy planning during and the aftermath of Covid 19 pandemic
- D. Bringing regional development and planning to the doorstep: the role of the provincial council system in Sri Lanka
- E. The regional pole theory and regional development