

University of Colombo
Faculty of Arts
Bachelor of Arts Degree Examination - First Year
Semester End Examination- Semester II - 2023/2024
DMG 1204: Demography of Sri Lanka

Answer three (03) questions only

Time: Two (02) hours

This paper contains five (05) questions and two (02) pages

01. a) State four (04) examples to explain the importance of studying Demography of Sri Lanka for population planning and development.

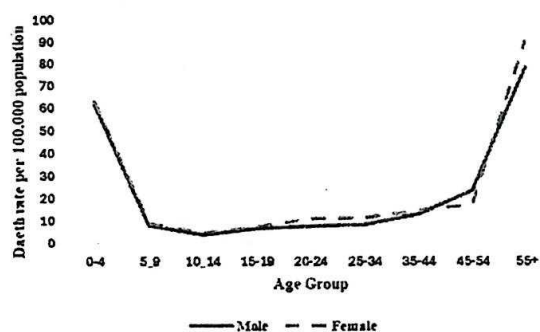
(08 Marks)

b) Discuss the population growth trends in Sri Lanka over the past five decades by providing suitable examples.

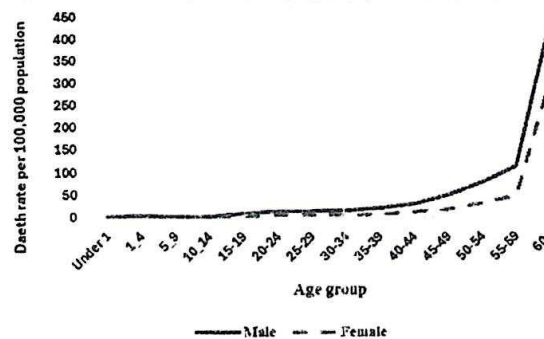
(12 Marks)

02. The following two graphs display the Age-Specific Death Rate (ASDR) for the years 1945 and 2012 in Sri Lanka. Answer the questions below using the data provided in these graphs.

Graph A – ASDR, 1945



Graph B – ASDR, 2012



a) Briefly explain the key mortality differences between Graph A (ASDR, 1945) and Graph B (ASDR, 2012).

(05 Marks)

b) Examine the factors that impacted the differences indicated in above 02(a), by providing examples.

(15 Marks)

03. a) State three(03) key reasons as to how fertility plays a crucial role in shaping Sri Lanka's demographic and socio-economic profile.

(06 Marks)

b) "Various reasons have affected the fertility transition in Sri Lanka". Examine this statement by providing suitable examples.

(14 Marks)

04. a) Define the concept of 'net migration' and examine its significance in understanding internal migration patterns in Sri Lanka.

(10 Marks)

b) Examine the socio-economic impact of different types of international migration in Sri Lanka with suitable examples.

(10 Marks)

5. Write short notes on the following topics.

- a) Chronic diseases in Sri Lanka
- b) Gender differences in marriage trends in Sri Lanka
- c) Urbanization in Sri Lanka
- d) Population Ageing in Sri Lanka

(05 X 4 = 20 Mark)