

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO - SRI LANKA

FACULTY OF ARTS

Second Year End Semester Examination (Economics) – 2017/18

ECN 2225 – Rural Development and Agricultural Marketing

Time: Two Hours

Answer any four (04) questions. All Questions Carry Equal Marks

Q1.

- i. Name four approaches used in rural development programmes in the past.
- ii. Briefly explain one of the above mentioned rural development approaches.
- iii. Is community driven development better than government driven development or other way around for developing countries? Give reasons for your answer.

Q2.

- i. What are the major Asian rural development models cited in literature?
- ii. Briefly explain one of the models and its assumptions.
- iii. Do you think those models can be replicated in Sri Lanka?

Q3.

- i. Identify the major agricultural driving forces for rural development.
- ii. Briefly explain any two agricultural driving forces and how they have contributed to rural development in any country?
- iii. Farming is more than just for food. Do you agree or disagree? Give reasons for your answer using graphical illustrations.

Q4.

- i. How do you differentiate a rural area from an urban area?
- ii. What is the difference between the estate and rural sector in Sri Lanka?
- iii. Can we use the census urban population statistics of Colombo to plan infrastructure needs of the city? Support your answer with examples.

Q5.

- i. State briefly the difference between traditional and modern views (methods) of rural development.
- ii. What factors contribute to inefficiencies in agricultural marketing?
- iii. What are your suggestions to overcome the agricultural marketing inefficiencies?

Q6.

- i. What is the importance of having a strong agricultural sector for developing countries?
- ii. Prepare a **SWOT** analysis in point form for the ministry of agriculture regarding current situation of rural agricultural sector in Sri Lanka.

Q7.

- i. What are the forms of rural development?
- ii. Why do you think many successive governments of Sri Lanka were motivated to implement rural development programmes since independence?
- iii. Do you think Sri Lankan rural development programmes are based on sustainable development goals? Give a few examples.

Q8.

Write short notes on any **three (03)** of the following

- i. Forward and backward linkages in paddy cultivation
- ii. Perfectly competitive agricultural markets
- iii. Monopoly markets
- iv. Micro credit facility in rural Sri Lanka
- v. Role of agricultural extension services in rural Sri Lanka