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4000 LEVEL FIRST SEMESTER END EXAMINATION - AUG/SEP 2023

Three Hours

Instructions

▶ Paper contains five (05) questions. Answer all questions

Question 01

I. Personnel economics has been defined as "the application of economic and mathematical approaches to traditional questions in human resources management".

Briefly explain the four (04) primary building blocks of personnel economics.

(06 Marks)

II. Discuss the labor market characteristics of Sri Lanka with the statistical support of the recent labor force survey results.

(08 Marks)

(Total 14 Marks)

Question 02

I. In pay related decision making, it is important to compare the wage received in a job with reservation wage.

Briefly explain the concept of economic rent with graphical illustration.

(06 Marks)

II. Elaborate the applicability of personnel policies when dealing with the asymmetric information problem.

(08 Marks)

(Total 14 Marks)

Question 03

I. Graphically illustrate the change of the indifference curve with the heterogeneous ability.

(06 Marks)

II. Discuss the impact of worker characteristics on migration with examples.

(08 Marks)

(Total 14 Marks)

Question 04

"Employers use education as a signaling device, which enables them to sort workers into different levels or categories of productivity"

Justify above statement with the support of signaling model.

(06 Marks)

II. Briefly explain the types of compensation schemes with illustration.

(08 Marks)

(Total 14 Marks)

Question 05

Write short note on the four (04) of following terms.

- I. Gender discrimination
- II. Gender based harassments
- III. Glass ceiling
- IV. International Labour Organization
- V. Rat race

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