

UNIVERSITY OF RUHUNA

2016 / 2017 Academic Year, Master of Arts in Economics

First Semester End Examination – September 2017

MAE 5101 – Sri Lanka Economy

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Answer **Four** questions only, selecting **Two** Questions from each section.

Time: 03 Hours

Part I

- 01.
- i. Examine the recent trends or poverty in Sri Lanka
(04 Marks)
 - ii. What are the major features of rural poverty in Sri Lanka?
(04 Marks)
 - iii. Do you think that the economic growth in Sri Lanka is as pro-poor economic growth? Explain
(03 Marks)
 - iv. Evaluate alternative poverty alleviation programmes implemented by successive governments in Sri Lanka
(04 Marks)
- 02.
- i. Give definition to the “economic globalization” and show the driving forces of globalization
(06 Marks)
 - ii. Compare the globalization experience in developing countries including Sri Lanka with that the experience of developed and East Asian Countries.
(04 Marks)
 - iii. Discuss the advantage and disadvantages of globalization.
(05 Marks)

03. Provide descriptive notes on three (03) out of the followings.
- i. Information technology and new economy
 - ii. International corporation in recent development process on Sri Lanka.
 - iii. Factors that affect to improve productivity in developing countries
 - iv. Economic challenges in Sri Lanka

(15 Marks)

Part II

- 04.
- i. Analyze the role of agriculture for the economic development in Sri Lanka
(05 Marks)
 - ii. Show the real causes for what the higher unit cost of food commodities in Sri Lanka
(05 Marks)
 - iii. Will Sri Lanka rice economy make a big challenge on the development of the economy? Explain
(05 Marks)

- 05.
- i. Critically evaluate the role of the good governance in the rapid economic development.
(05 Marks)
 - ii. How might significant the principles of good governance to Sri Lanka's long-term economic development.
(05 Marks)
 - iii. Is political stability considered as a pre-requisites for economic development in Sri Lanka?
(05 Marks)

06.

Year	Child Dependency Ratio	Aging Dependency Ratio
1881	81.8	5.8
1946	64.9	9.6
1991	51.4	13.3
2021	34.1	27.5

- i. Explain the nature of existing changes of the age-structure of population in Sri Lanka using above data
(05 marks)
- ii. Show the economic and social impacts of the changes of the ageing population in Sri Lanka
(05 Marks)
- iii. Identify the main causes in the labour market failures in respect of providing better contribution for the development of the labour productivity in Sri Lanka.
(05 Marks)

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