



University of Ruhuna

Master of Arts in Economics-Academic Year 2021/2022

1<sup>st</sup> Semester End Examination-March 2023

MAE 5103-Sri Lankan Economy

This paper contains two sections.

Answer only **four (04)** questions selecting **two (02)** questions from each section.

**Time: 03 Hours**

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**Section I**

(01)

(i) “The expectation of international support and the impressive performance of the Newly Industrialised Countries (NICs) provided the basis for trade liberalisation in Sri Lanka”. Critically analyse this statement in an economic perspective by focusing the economic behavior in Sri Lanka after 1977.

(07 Marks)

(ii) “By introducing the Open Economic Policy in 1977, the government attempted to encourage foreign investment in export oriented activities by establishing Export Processing Zones and privatizing in public enterprises”. What are the impacts of privatization movement in Sri Lankan economy? Discuss this by providing relevant examples.

(08 Marks)

(02)

(i) “There are direct and indirect relationships between Good Governance and Sustainable Development in a country” Discuss this idea with relevant examples from Sri Lanka.

(07 Marks)

(ii) “The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are a call for action by all countries to promote prosperity while protecting the planet” Critically analyse this statement by providing the data on the progress of Sri Lanka in achieving SDGs.

(08 Marks)

(03) Write descriptive notes on any three (03) of followings.

- (i). Principles of Good Governance
- (ii) Measuring of Good Governance
- (iii) Driving forces of Globalization
- (iv) Recent trend of poverty in Sri Lanka

(15 Marks)

## Section II

(04)

(i) "The role of the agriculture has grown diversely in deep global economic crisis". Provide enough factors to prove this statement.

(05 Marks)

(ii) "The development of the agricultural sector also has been affected by the current economic crisis in a number of ways". Do you agree with this statement? Explain.

(05 Marks)

(iii) Explain how food security should be considered as a national economy requirement for a transformative economy.

(05 Marks)

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(i) What are the reasons for dwindling foreign reserves, widening trade deficits and deteriorating balance of payments?

(07 Marks)

(ii) Examine How existing economic and political instability constraint to affect Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Sri Lanka.

(08 Marks)

(06)

(i) "The female labor force participation rate in Sri Lanka has remained stagnant at a relatively low level in recent decades". Do you agree with this statement?

(07 Marks)

(ii) What are the identified salient features of the labor market in Sri Lanka?

(08 Marks)

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