



First Year (100 Level) Examination in Bachelor of Arts (External New Syllabus) (Aug 2018)

ECNE 102 Comparative Economic Development

Answer **FIVE** questions selecting at least two from each part

The total number of questions in this paper is 10.

Marks allocated for each question indicated accordingly.

Time allocated: Three (03) Hours

Part I - United Kingdom

1. (i) What is meant by 'modernity'? (04 Marks)
(ii) What are the main features of modernity?. (06Marks)
(iii) Discuss the role and importance of modernity on modern economic growth. (10 Marks)
2. (i) What is meant by enclosures? (06 marks)
(ii) Critically examine the social and economic impact of the enclosure movements in Great Britain. (14 Marks)
3. (i) How suitable is the term Industrial Revolution to determine the industrial progress in Great Britain since the late eighteenth century? Explain. (10 Marks)
(ii) "It was 'four great inventions' that were prime responsible for revolutionizing the cotton industry in Great Britain". Discuss. (10 Marks)
4. Describe the forward and backward linkages of the growth of railway transport in the Great Britain in the nineteenth century. (20 Marks)
5. Write short notes on any **four** of the following with regard to Great Britain
 - (i) The Corn Law of 1815
 - (ii) The Chartist movement
 - (iii) The Norfolk System
 - (iv) Trade Unions after 1824
 - (v) The concept of 'Invisible Hand'

(04 x 05=20 Marks)

Part II - Sri Lanka

6. Briefly explain the main trends of the tea industry in Sri Lanka between the years 1884 and 1896 and state the factors which influenced on the rapid expansion of the tea industry during this period. (20 Marks)
 7. Critically analyze the impact of the British land policy on peasant agriculture in Sri Lanka. (20 Marks)
 8. How appropriate is the term 'dualistic economy' in analyzing the structure of the Sri Lankan economy before independence? Explain (20 Marks)
 9. What reasons would you attribute for the relative stagnation of peasant agriculture in Sri Lanka during British rule? (20 Marks)
 10. Write short notes on any **four** of following with regard to Sri Lanka:
 - (i) The Waste Lands Ordinance
 - (ii) The Economic Reforms of Colebrooke Commission
 - (iii) The Rubber Industry between 1900 and 1934
 - (iv) The Cinnamon Trade between 1802-1833
 - (v) The trade union movements under the British rule(04 x 05=20 Marks)
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