



Bachelor of Arts (External-New Syllabus) Examination - 100 Levels - 2025

ECNE 102: Comparative Economic Development

Instructions:

Time allowed: **Three (03) Hours**
Answer **Five (05)** questions selecting
at least two from each part.

Marks will be deducted for illegible handwriting
There are 10 questions in the question paper

Part I

1. i. State and evaluate the socioeconomic impact of the Feudal System in Great Britain. (10 Marks)
- ii. Critically examine the major economic, social, political, and technological forces that contributed to the downfall of the Feudal System in Western Europe. (10 Marks)
2. i. Explain the meaning of the Enclosure Movement and discuss its key features in Great Britain. (08 marks)
- ii. Critically evaluate the social and economic impacts of the first and second Enclosure Movements in Great Britain. (12 marks)
3. Examine the contribution of the cotton industry to Great Britain's economic development during the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. (20 marks)
4. "Industrialization in Britain was a gradual process rather than a sudden event during the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries." Discuss. (20 marks)
5. Write short notes on any **FOUR (04)** of the following concerning Great Britain;
 - i. Technical development of Cotton industry in Great Britain
 - ii. Contribution of the Britain Railway Industry to Economic Growth
 - iii. The Norfolk System
 - iv. The policy of "laissez-fair"
 - v. Concept of the Invisible Hand

(05 marks
for each)

Part II

6. Evaluate the suitability of the term “dual economy” in explaining the nature of the Sri Lankan economy under British rule. (20 marks)
7. Critically examine the reasons for the lack of an Indigenous labour supply to the plantation economy during the Nineteenth century. (20 marks)
8. Analyze the factors that contributed to the rapid expansion of the coffee industry in Sri Lanka and assess its major economic impacts during the nineteenth century. (20 marks)
9. Discuss the economic and administrative aspects of the Colebrooke Cameron reforms in Sri Lanka during the nineteenth century. (20 marks)
10. Write short notes on any **FOUR (04)** of the following concerning Sri Lanka;
- i Traditional Agriculture in Sri Lanka during the nineteenth century
 - ii The Currency Board System
 - iii The tea industry between 1884-1906
 - iv The Crown Lands Ordinance
 - v Trade Union Activities in the British Period
- (05 marks for each)
