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Sri Lanka Foreign Service – 2016 (2017)

(01) General Paper

Three hours

Answer **five** questions only. All questions carry **equal** marks.

1. Describe **four** ways that Sri Lankan government can encourage State Entrepreneurs and Private sector to invest in long term horizons.
2. "Technology changes, the laws of Economy do not". Discuss the validity of this statement.
3. How can governments assist inventors and ensure that more innovation succeed in their country thereby developing the economic base?
4. Recently European Union (E.U.) has granted Sri Lanka G.S.P.+. Yet 80% of exports to the E.U. has been to the United Kingdom. However U.K. has decided to leave the E.U. by 2019. How will this affect Sri Lankan exports?
5. "Climate change is a growing threat to prosperity in Asia and the Pacific". Explain the ravages of climate change that has been caused to above countries and possible remedies that could be taken to minimize such damages in order to achieve a sustainable development in the region.
6. In what ways should Tourism to be developed while ensuring communities benefit?
7. What are the economic and political strategic implications of china's "One belt, one road" initiative?
8. Out of 6000 metric tons of garbage collected cross the country every day, more than half is from the Western Province. What actions should be taken to avert a garbage catastrophe?
9. "Information Technology will disrupt most traditional industries in the next 5-10 years and change the way different industries operate." What are your views?
10. State your views on United States president withdrawing from the "Paris climate agreement".

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(02) World Affairs I (Political)

Three hours

Answer five questions only. All questions carry equal marks.

1. Why states are considered as main actor among actors involved in international affairs?
2. Examine the role of international organizations in the present world system.
3. Make a critical analysis on any one of the following:
 - (i) Qatar crisis
 - (ii) Arms control and disarmament
 - (iii) International drug trafficking
 - (iv) Religious fundamentalism
 - (v) Role of diplomats
4. Describe the nature of international terrorism and examine its impact on the political and economic stability of the world.
5. "The stubborn behaviour of North Korea has posed a serious threat to world peace and security". Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer.
6. Examine the role of the International Human Rights Council with regard to the protection and promotion of human rights.
7. Describe the role of the Secretary General of the United Nations Organization with regard to international peace making and peace keeping.
8. Outline the role of the United Nations Organization in relation to any two of the following:
 - (i) Judicial settlements of disputes
 - (ii) Attaining Millennium Development Goals
 - (iii) Reducing poverty
 - (iv) Climate change and global warming
9. According to your opinion what are the factors that have debilitated the efforts of SAARC to promote regional Cooperation?
10. Examine Sri Lanka's relations with either India or China since the present coalition government came into power.

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(03) World Affairs II (Economic)

Three hours

● Answer **five** questions only. All questions carry **equal** marks.

1. Briefly explain how recent changes of the global economy have affected the Sri Lankan economy.
2. What are the steps have been taken to improve the cooperation between the Sri Lankan economy and the global economy in last two years?
3. Explain the domestic and global reasons for trade deficit in Sri Lanka in recent years.
4. (i) What is meant by 'Trans-Pasific Partnership-TPP'?
(ii) Name the **twelve** countries of this Partnership in the Pacific region.
5. (i) What is meant by bilateral and regional trade agreements used to reduce trade obstacles?
(ii) Name the bilateral and regional trade agreements that Sri Lanka has pursued and proposed in recent years.
6. (i) (a) What are the emerging market economies?
(b) According to the world bank classifications, name the **five** biggest emerging markets.
(ii) Compare the millennium development targets which Sri Lanka has achieved, with South Asian regional countries.
7. (i) (a) What is meant by 'Economic Integration'?
(b) Name **two** examples for economic integration.
(ii) Having named the countries belong to the European Union (EU) describe the origin and organizational structure of it.
8. (i) What is the 'World Trade Organization' (WTO)?
(ii) Write brief notes on WTO under the following headings.
 - (a) Functions
 - (b) Principles
 - (c) Organizational Structure
 - (d) Key Subjects

9. (i) (a) What is meant by 'Trading Blocs'?
- (b) Explain the features of Trading Blocs.
- (ii) Write brief notes on **two** of the following Prominent trade blocs.
- (a) North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA)
- (b) Latin American Free Trade Agreement (LAFTA)
- (c) South Asia Free Trade Agreement (SAFTA)
- (d) Indu-Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement (ISFTA)
10. Write brief notes on **four** of the following.
- (i) Sri Lankan Economic Forum – 2015
- (ii) Global Competitiveness Index
- (iii) Economic Globalization
- (iv) G-7 Group
- (v) BRICS Countries
- (vi) World Economic Forum

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(04) Essay

Three hours

Write analytical essays on any **three** of the following topics.

1. The proper way of using social web sites for the fulfilment of people's expectations
2. Strategies for rehabilitating the street children in Sri Lanka and protecting their rights
3. Impact of strikes on the socio-economic development of a country
4. It should be the duty of the people and government of a country to safeguard the sovereignty of the law
5. Mediation of western powers on the development of Asian countries
6. Impact of the devaluation of rupee on the Sri Lankan economy
7. Climatic changes and future global challenges
8. Inspiration achievable for the country's economy through developing and regularizing the local handicraft
9. Necessity for utilizing the female labour and knowledge for the development process in Sri Lanka
10. The importance of controlling the international drug trafficking for protecting the world peace and composure
11. The impact of highly popular 'big-match' in Sri Lanka on the student's discipline
12. The role of the people on waste management activities

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