

EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA

THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION IN AGRICULTURE – 2008/2009

AEC 3101: AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY



Answer ALL Questions

Time allowed: 03 Hours

01. a) What is meant by the term 'Development Gap'? How can it be measured?
b) Clearly explain the following measures:
(i) Gini Co-efficient
(ii) Human Development Index (HDI)
c) "For all of their diversity, developing countries are linked together by a range of common problems". What are these problems?
02. a) Briefly discuss the 'Demographic Transition' process, with comments on the 'population explosion' phenomena.
b) Outline the social and economic implications of population growth on a developing country.
c) Explain the following;
(i) 'Basic Needs' Approach
(ii) Effects of 'Brain Drain'
03. Write **SHORT NOTES** on the following:
a) Technology Transfer
b) Karl Marx's Theory of Economic Development
c) Unbalanced Growth Theory of Economic Development
04. a) What kinds of risks do farmers face in agricultural production?
b) Discuss the importance of insurance in agricultural sector.
c) Clearly explain the following:
(i) Parity Price Scheme, and
(ii) Guaranteed Price Scheme (GPS)

05. a) Outline the sources of credit available to peasant farmers in Sri Lanka.
b) Briefly explain the role of credit in agricultural development.
c) What are the problems the government faces in the provision of credit to small farmers?
06. a) Discuss briefly the social and economic implications of Land Colonization and Land Settlement in Sri Lanka
b) How does Land Reform help in raising agricultural production in developing countries?