



EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA

THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION IN AGRICULTURE – 2005/2006

(REPEAT)

AEC 3101: AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND POLICY

EXTERNAL DEGREE

Answer ALL Questions

Time allowed: 03 hours

1.
 - a) Explain the difference between the terms “Economic Growth” and “Economic development”
 - b) What is meant by the term ‘Development Gap’? How can it be measured?
 - c) For all of their diversity, less developed countries are linked together by a range of common problems affecting development. What are these problems?

2.
 - a) Briefly discuss the ‘**Demographic Transition**’ process.
 - b)) Explain the followings;
 - (i) Basic Needs Approach
 - (ii) Effects of ‘Brain Drain’

3. Write **SHORT NOTES** on the following;
 - (a) Dependency Burden
 - (b) Population Pyramid
 - (c) Lorenz Curve

4.
 - a) What does Technology Transfer mean? How does Technology Transfer occur in developing countries?
 - b) Briefly explain the ‘Vicious Circle of Poverty’.

5. a) What do you understand by the term 'Agricultural Policy'?
- b) Briefly describe the following Price Policies.
- (i) Forward Prices
 - (ii) Guaranteed Price Scheme
6. a) Outline the types of credit available to peasant farmers in Sri Lanka.
- b) Briefly explain the role of credit in agricultural development.
- c) What are the problems faced by the government in provision of agricultural credit to small farmers?