

**EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA**  
**FACULTY OF COMMERCE & MANAGEMENT**  
**FINAL YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION**  
**IN B.Com 2011/12 (March / April 2015)**  
**Special Repeat**

29 APR 2015

**COC 4053 Development Problem and Policies**

Answer all questions

Time: 03 hours

1. (a) Explain the nature of Development Economics. (04 marks)
- (b) What are the traditional economic measures of development? (04 marks)
- (c) Indicate a real example of situations in which a country may be developing Economically but still be underdeveloped? (04 marks)
- (d) What are the five sources of disparity between real Incomes and actual advantages identified by Amartya Sen? (08 marks)
- ( Total 20 marks)
2. (a) Explain the rural poverty problem in developing countries with examples. (08 marks)
- (b) Illustrate the traditional theory of functional income distribution with diagram. (08 marks)
- (c) What is meant by absolute poverty? As a measure of poverty, explain its limitations with examples (04 marks)
- (Total 20 marks)
3. (a) Briefly describe the principal causes of high population growth in LDCs and its major consequences. (08 marks)
- (b) Explain why fertility rates are falling in some developing countries and not in others. (04 marks)
- (c) Illustrate the demographic transition in developing countries with diagram. (08 marks)
- ( Total 20 marks)

4. Briefly explain the followings:

(a) Population, Resources, and the environment.

(b) Growth Versus Environment.

(c) Rural Development and the Environment.

(d) Developing countries and the protection of Environment.

( Total 20 marks)

5. (a) What are the four arguments which necessitate Economic Planning in LDCs?

(08 marks)

(b) Explain the conditions for successful planning in underdeveloped countries

(08 marks)

(c) "Lack of sufficient data" is one of the reasons for the plan failure in many developing countries." Explain

(04 marks)

( Total 20 marks)

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