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Eastern University, Sri Lanka  
 Faculty of Commerce and Management  
 Final Year Second Semester Examination in B.Com., Specialisation in Accounting  
 and Finance 2011/12 (June 2014)

**COC 4053 Development Problem and Policies**

Answer All Questions

Time : 03 hours

1. (a) What does development Economics concern with? (05 marks)
  - (b) Explain the three core values of development. (05 marks)
  - (c) Can you give real examples of situations in which a country may be developing economically but still be under developed ? (05 marks)
  - (d) "Well-being is not just the characteristics of commodities consumed. But what use the consumer can make of commodities". Explain this statement in the light of Sen's capabilities approach. (05 Marks)
- (Total 20 marks)**
2. (a) Explain the rural poverty in Developing countries. (04 marks)
  - (b) List out some policy options of LDCs governments towards the poverty problem. (08 marks)
  - (c) What is meant by absolute poverty? What is the poverty gap? How do these measures differ from the Human Poverty Index (HPI)? (08 marks)
- (Total 20 marks)**
3. (a) List and briefly describe the principle causes of high population growth in LDCs and its major consequences. (08 marks)
  - (b) There has been a substantial decline in LDC's birth rate over the past decades. What are the reasons? Explain with examples. (04 marks)
  - (c) Illustrate the demographic transition of Western Europe between the years of 1800 and 2000 With diagram. (08 marks)
- (Total 20 marks)**

4. (a) Explain an example of environmental Accounting offered by Peace and Watford.  
(08 marks)
- (b) In what ways poverty lead to environmental degradation?  
(04 marks)
- (c) What steps might governments in less developed countries take to protect the Environment ?  
(08 marks)
- (Total 20 marks)**

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5. (a) State some pre-requisites of successful planning in underdeveloped countries  
(08 marks)
- (b) What are the major reasons for plan failures in Less Developed Countries?  
(12 marks)
- (Total 20 marks)**