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FACULTY OF COMMERCE AND MANAGEMENT

SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION IN ECONOMICS - 2003/2004

(JUNE/JULY 2005)

ECN 2023 COMPARATIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Answer all five Questions

Time : 03 Hours

01. a. Briefly describe the royal intervention in irrigation works in the Anuradhapura period. (12 marks)
- b. Explain how this was continued in the Polonnaruwa period. (08 marks)
02. a. Explain the socio –economic impact of Portuguese rule in Sri Lanka. (12 Marks)
- b. Briefly explain the development of trading activities of the Dutch during their rule. (08 Marks)
03. a. Describe the main features of Sri Lankan economy in the 19 th century. (12 Marks)
- b. Explain the impact of plantation agriculture on the Sri Lankan economy. (08 Marks)
04. a. Explain the origin of the feudal society in the medieval economy of England. (12 Marks)
- b. Briefly explain the rigid, hierarchical social and political structures of medieval economy of England. (08 marks)

05. a. "Since 1991, the Indian economy has been undergoing a major stabilisation and structural adjustment programme".

(i) What is the basic aim of this programme?

(ii) State the reforms activities initiated by the government of India under the above programme. (12 Marks)

b. Discuss the major effects of the Indo-SriLankan free trade agreement signed between the two countries .

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