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(01) Analytical Writing

Two hours

Answer all the questions on this paper itself.

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1. Read the following text and give short answers to the questions given below.

The external sector outlook is projected to gradually improve during the medium term with the adoption of appropriate policy measures to ensure external sector stability. The external current account deficit is expected to improve steadily with the projected developments in the external sector. Exports are projected to increase at a higher rate than imports, resulting in a narrowing of the trade deficit in the medium term. The rise in exports is projected to emanate from higher export oriented domestic production supported through improved trade linkages. Including the reinstating of GSP+ concession and proposed trade and economic partnership agreements. Imports would also continue to increase, particularly with higher intermediate goods imports with the expected increase in global oil prices and higher demand for investment goods due to the projected increase in investment expenditure.

(05×5=25 marks)

(i) Why does the writer think that imports would continue to increase?

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(ii) What is the reason for narrowing of the trade deficit expected in the medium term?

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(iii) What is the parallel factor associated with the external current account deficit expected to improve gradually?

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(iv) How is the rise in export predicted?

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(v) What would happen in parallel to the increase in global oil prices?

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2. The following table displays the percentage distribution of households by principal type of lighting according to provinces in Sri Lanka in the years 2012/13. Write a report comparing and contrasting the main features of the table in **not more than 150 words**.

(25 marks)

Province \ Principle type of lighting	Electricity (%)	Kerosene (%)	Solar Energy (%)	Other (%)
Western	97.6	2.2	0.2	-
Central	92.5	7.1	0.4	-
Southern	94.4	5.2	0.3	0.1
Northern	66.0	31.9	2.0	0.1
Eastern	79.9	19.6	0.5	-
North-western	89.1	9.4	1.5	-
North-central	87.4	11.1	1.0	0.5
Uva	83.7	14.1	2.0	0.2
Sabaragamuwa	88.2	11.0	0.8	-

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