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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)

<b>Province</b>	<b>Principle type of lighting</b>	<b>Electricity (%)</b>	<b>Kerosene (%)</b>	<b>Solar Energy(%)</b>	<b>Other (%)</b>
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	-

3. Write a summary of the following passage reducing it to one third of its length and give a suitable title for it. Mention the number of words you used at the end of the summary.

The quality of education is conditioned by the quality of teachers, thereby making it essential for policymakers to develop long term strategies to popularise teaching as a profession amongst high performing graduates. International research has demonstrated that the quality of principals is an important determinant of the success of schools in delivering good learning outcomes. Special attention should therefore, be paid to upgrade the state of school principals. In addition, studies show that despite the provision of free education, people from poorer backgrounds had fewer years of education than their higher income counterparts, and those who live in rural areas had lower educational attainment, highlighting the presence for significant inequalities in education and training for the poor and those living in rural areas. Further, inequalities arising in service delivery of public schools have resulted in excessive demand for placements in popular schools while resources in others remain underutilised. While recent government policies to promote the quality and attractiveness of peripheral schools are commendable, the success of such policies is yet to be realised. Furthermore, the increasing role of private schools in fulfilling the excess demand for school placements in urban areas need to be facilitated while ensuring the quality and uniformity in service provision as a large majority of these schools do not fall under the purview of any regulatory body.

(20 marks)

[See page four.]

4. Read the following outline and write an analytical and critical essay according to the content given below. Use about 250-300 words. Also provide a suitable topic.

Developing countries receive foreign aids occasionally. There is a tendency to receive these aids in the form of monetary funds. As these aids are utilized for primary arrangements the developing countries have not received the expected outcome. Therefore when receiving foreign aid it is more beneficial to get them in the form of training, instructions and machinery instead of monetary funds.

(30 marks)



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