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(05) Case Study

One hour

Answer all questions.

1. Assume that you have been appointed as the Head of the Planning Division of a key Ministry under a Provincial Council. You are required to participate in a progress review meeting which is to be chaired by the Governor. At this meeting, it is expected to review the progress of all on-going projects which are being implemented under the Provincial Council. Although you are expected to present the progress of three projects that come under the purview of your Ministry, only a limited time has been allocated for you to present the progress. Taking into consideration the above context, you need to prepare a summary table presenting the relevant information of each project. It is expected to distribute this table among the participants as a supportive document to show the detailed progress of the above three projects while you are presenting the key points.
- List the main project related information that should be presented by you at the progress review meeting. (10 marks)
  - Prepare a suitable table which could be used to summarize the above listed information with respect to the above three projects. (15 marks)
  - At this meeting, some officials might ask you to explain the role of different national agencies with respect to foreign funded projects. The important activities relating to the implementation of foreign funded projects are listed below. Write the names of respective national agency / agencies which is/are responsible for the different activities given below: (Write the relevant answers in your answer script)

Activity/area of responsibility	Responsible Agency/Agencies
(1) Project identification and preparation of detailed proposals	
(2) Appraisal of the proposals in terms of its financial, economic and social viability	
(3) Granting preliminary approval	
(4) Negotiation with lending agencies	
(5) Appraisal of monetary implications of the proposed foreign finance	
(6) Granting final approval	
(7) Giving advices on legal compliance on the terms and conditions of foreign loans/grants	a. b.
(8) Implementation	
(9) Monitoring and supervision	a. b.
(10) Carrying out final audit	

(20 marks)

- New projects to be funded through foreign financing need to be screened and appraised thoroughly to assess their financial and economic viability. Accordingly, list four techniques that can be used in project appraisal.

(10 marks)

(v) The main activities, outputs, outcomes and impacts of a project and indicators that can be used to measure them are listed below in a disorganized manner. Copy the given table into your answer script and organize them under relevant categories using the table given below.

- \* Higher productivity.
- \* Better and higher quality of life.
- \* Fuel conserved/saving.
- \* Saving travelling time.
- \* Reducing traffic congestion and smooth traffic flow in the city of Colombo .
- \* Per Capita GDP.
- \* Percentage of population having their own vehicles.
- \* Minimizing air pollution and enhancing the quality of air in the city of Colombo.
- \* Average moving speed of vehicles in the city of Colombo (km / hr).
- \* Fuel consumption rate of motor vehicles in the city of Colombo (km / litre).
- \* Average journey time from Bambalapitiya to Fort (minutes).
- \* Lead level in the air in the city of Colombo.
- \* Upgrading automated traffic signal system in the city of Colombo and operating.
- \* Operating a peak hour vehicle restriction system in major routes in the city of Colombo.
- \* 50 km of newly rehabilitated roads in the city of Colombo.
- \* Installing safety fences along 50 kilometers of roads in the city of Colombo.
- \* Reducing the changing time of traffic signals by 10 percent.
- \* Names of the roads with newly installed safety fences and their lengths (km).
- \* Number of vehicles entering the city in restricted hours.
- \* Training of 500 traffic policemen on traffic rules and regulations.
- \* Length of the rehabilitated road sections (km).
- \* Upgrading the automated traffic signal system in the city of Colombo.
- \* Formulation of regulations to introduce a peak hour vehicle restriction system in major routes of the Colombo city.
- \* Rehabilitation of 50 km of damaged roads in the city of Colombo.
- \* Number of trained policemen deployed in traffic duties in the city of Colombo.
- \* Fixing of safety fences along selected roads in the city of Colombo.
- \* Deploying 500 trained policemen in traffic duties.

Impacts, Outcomes, Outputs & Activities	Indicators
<b>Impacts</b>	
1.	1.
2.	2.
<b>Outcomes</b>	
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
<b>Outputs</b>	
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.
<b>Activities</b>	
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	

(45 marks)