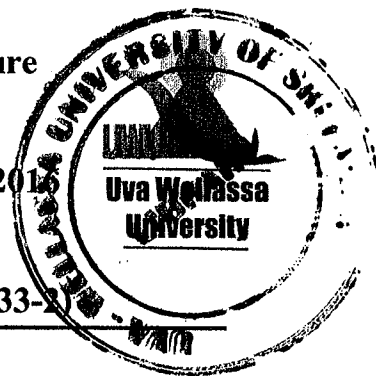


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Instructions

Answer two (02) questions only

No. of question : Three (03)

No. of pages : Two (02)

Time : One hour (01)

Total marks allocated : 50 %

Part II - Essay

Question 01

(25 marks)

Briefly discuss the following;

- a. Role of organic tea cultivation to gain market access and opportunities while maintaining biodiversity.
- b. Potential of organic tea production in Sri Lanka as a measure of environmental management in hilly areas.

Question 02

(25 marks)

The rate of conversion from conventional to organic tea productions in Sri Lanka is observed much slower than expected because there are a number of challenges that confront tea growers making the switch to organic production”.

Critically discuss the above comment indicating the factors that determine the conversion of conventional tea plantation into organic tea productions, both technical and social issues and/or benefits and suggestions associated with the above comment.

Question 03

(25 marks)

Suppose you have been appointed as an advisor in recently established tea smallholders' association. Group of tea smallholders are willing to obtain an organic certification as they see the numerous benefits of it.

You will need to give a comprehensive knowledge for them indicating the main steps to obtain an organic certificate. Prepare a report including following facts which need to be addressed in moving your target forward.

- a) Necessity to obtain a certificate for organic tea
- b) Purpose of an organic certification
- c) Importance of having group certification
- d) Conditions for smallholder group certification
- e) Principles in certification procedure
- f) Key steps in inspection and certification system