

Suggested writing prompt (~250 words)

1. **Option 1:** Many Sri Lankans are drawn to move overseas for higher paying jobs creating a brain drain effect, but some choose to stay hoping for a brighter future. Think about the dilemma facing many Sri Lankans and try to imagine what you would do in that situation. What factors would be most important to your choice?

2. **Option 2:** Explain how Sri Lanka's debt crisis illustrates the link between government policy, global economics, and everyday life. Use examples from the report to describe how decisions made at the national and international level can affect the stability, dignity, and hopes of ordinary citizens.