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General Degree Examination in Arts – 2015  
(2016 August)



**HISTORY IV (HG 4)**  
**History of Sri Lanka up to 1600 AD**

Three hours (03) only.

Answer **FOUR** questions only selecting at least **ONE** from **Each** part.

Illustrate your answers with sketch maps where appropriate.

Marks will be deducted for illegible handwriting.

The total number of questions in this paper is ten (10).

**Part I**

1. Assess the importance of **Dipavamsa** for the study of political history of Sri Lanka up to the fourth century AD.
2. “The reigning period of Devanampiya Tissa is a landmark of the history of the island.” Explain.
3. Examine the tax system of Sri Lanka up to the end of the tenth century AD.
4. Briefly discuss the gradual development of Mahayanism in the Anuradhaura period.
5. Write historical notes on the following.
  - I. Sigiriya fortress
  - II. Rohana dynasty
  - III. Cino - Sri Lanka relations.
  - IV. Vijayabahu I.

**Part II**

6. Briefly explain the Hindu religious revival that took place in the Cola period of Sri Lanka.
7. Explain the challenges that faced by king Nissankamalla and examine how he was able to overcome these.
8. Review the cultural relations of Sri Lanka with South East Asia in the prescribed period.
9. Critically analyze the literature of the Dambadeniya period.
10. Asses the political career of Parakramabahu VI.