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General Degree Examination in Arts (External) - 2017

(December - 2017)

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

Three hours (03) only.

Answer **FOUR** question 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 question in this paper is **Ten (10)**.

**Part I**

1. Assess the importance of **Dipavamsa** for the study of religious history of ancient Sri Lanka.
2. Briefly discuss the South Indian invasions and their results in the relevant period.
3. Explain the main features of the land tenure of ancient Sri Lanka.
4. Assess the impact of contemporary Buddhist Sangha on the politics of ancient Sri Lanka.
5. Write historical notes on the following.
  - I. Magama kingdom
  - II. The Vanniyars
  - III. Rajasinghe I
  - IV. Gadaladeniya temple

**Part II**

6. Examine the foreign policy of Vijayabahu I.
7. Briefly discuss the career and achievements of king Nissankamalla.
8. Critically examine the factors that contributed for the collapse of Rajarata civilization.
9. Examine the difficulties faced by the rulers of Dambadeniya and how did they overcome?
10. Critically analyze the political situation in Sri Lanka at the time of arrival of the Portuguese.