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First Year Examination in Arts (External) New Syllabus – 2017
(2017 - April)

HISTORY
HISE 101 History of Sri Lanka up to 1500 AD

Three hours (03) only.

Answer **four** (04) questions only.
Illustrate your answers with sketch maps where appropriate.
Marks will be deducted for illegible handwriting.
The total number of questions in this paper is eight (08).

1. Explain the importance of epigraphy for the study of political history of ancient Sri Lanka.
2. "The island was unified for the first time during the reign of Duttagamani." Analyze.
3. "Ancient Sri Lankans were averse to trade." Critically discuss.
4. Briefly discuss the relationship that had between the king and the Buddhist monks in the Anuradhapura period.
5. Explain the gradual development of irrigation works of the Rajarata civilization with special reference to its technology.
6. Examine the challenges that faced by king I Parakkramabahu and examine how he was able to overcome them.
7. Discuss the cultural contacts of Sri Lanka with south India during the prescribed period.
8. Critically analyze the art and architecture of the Gampola period.