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General Degree Examination in Arts – 2014  
(August - 2015)

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 **Mahavamsa** for the study of cultural history of Sri Lanka up to the fourth century AD.
2. "The island was unified for the first time during the reign of Duttagamani." Explain.
3. Assess the importance of foreign trade in the economy of Sri Lanka up to the period of 10<sup>th</sup> century AD.
4. Write a critical essay on the irrigation works of the Rajarata civilization paying special attention to its technology.
5. Write historical notes on the following.
  - I. Nalanda Gedige
  - II. Aryacakravarti dynasty
  - III. Invasion of Candrabhanu
  - IV. Vimaladharmasuriya I

**Part II**

6. Describe the Cola expansion of Sri Lanka and discuss its results.
7. Examine the Kalinga-Sinhala relationship during the Polonnaruva period.
8. Briefly discuss the career and achievements of Parakramabahu II.
9. Critically analyse the art and architecture of the Gampola period.
10. Review the relationship between the Portuguese and the Kotte kingdom.