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General Degree Examination (External) in Arts – 2014

(2015 August)

History V (HG 5)

History of Sri Lanka from 1500 up to 1948 A.D.

Three Hours Only.

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

Illustrate your answers with sketchmaps where appropriate.

Candidates will be penalized for illegible handwriting.

The total number of Questions in this paper is **Twelve (12)**.

Part I

1. What were the factors that led to the establishment of Portuguese power in the Kotte kingdom?
2. Assess the carrier and achievements of king Mayadunne of Sithawaka.
3. Examine the legacies of the Dutch rule in Sri Lanka.

Part II

4. Discuss the Dutch trade and commerce in Sri Lanka.
5. What were the factors that led to the decline of the Kandyan kingdom in 1815?
6. Examine the significance of the expansion of English education during the British rule in Sri Lanka.

Part III

7. Briefly discuss the Colebrooke-Cameron Commission recommendations and analyse their historical significance.
8. Examine the social transformation that took place in Sri Lanka in the second half of the nineteenth century.
9. What is the importance of the Donoughmore Constitutional Reforms?

Part IV

10. Discuss the development of the Left Movement in Sri Lanka up to 1948.
11. Analyse the factors and conditions that led to the transfer of power in Sri Lanka in 1948.
12. Write historical notes on any two of the following.
 - (a) Governor Frederick North
 - (b) 1815 Kandyan Convention
 - (c) The Law Country Products Association
 - (d) The Economic Depression in 1929