



UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA
පේරාදෙණිය විශ්වවිද්‍යාලය
CENTER FOR DISTANCE & CONTINUING
EDUCATION

දුරස්ථ හා අඛණ්ඩ අධ්‍යයන කේන්ද්‍රය



General Degree Examination (External) in Arts – 2015

(2016 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 sketch maps where appropriate.

Candidates will be penalized for illegible handwriting.

The total number of questions in this paper is **twelve (12)**.

Part I

1. Examine the main stages of Portuguese expansion in Sri Lanka.
2. Discuss the factors that led to the rise of the kingdom of Sithawaka.
3. Explain the religious policy of the Dutch in Sri Lanka.

Part II

4. Analyze the main features of the administrative system of the Kandyan kingdom.
5. Discuss the impact of Anagarika Dharmapala on the Sri Lankan society at the end of the nineteenth century.
6. Explain the different expressions of the revivalist movements in the second half of the nineteenth century.

Part III

7. Discuss the constitutional development of Sri Lanka in the first half of the twentieth century.
8. Analyze the main features of the plantation economy under the British rule.
9. Why did the British introduce the Executive Committee System to Sri Lanka?

Part IV

10. What were the recommendations of the Soulbury Commission for the protection of minority rights?
11. Assess the historical role of D.S. Senanayake.
12. Write historical notes on any two of the following.
 - (a) Jeronimo de Azevedo
 - (b) The VOC company
 - (c) The Sinhala-Muslim Riots of 1915
 - (d) The pan-Sihalese board of ministers in 1936