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இலங்கை வரலாறு I (பகுதி I)
History of Sri Lanka I (Part I)

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மூன்று மணித்தியாலம்
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Additional Reading Time - 10 minutes

Use additional reading time to go through the question paper, select the questions you will answer and decide which of them you will prioritise.

History of Sri Lanka - From the earliest times to 1978 A.D.

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Instructions:

- * This question paper consists of **two** parts as **I** and **II**.
- * In **Part I** answer **all** the questions from **1 - 40** on this paper itself, according to the instructions given.
- * In **Part I** each correct answer receives **one** mark.
- * Time allocated for **both Part I and Part II** is **three** hours. **Attach Part I** to the answer script of **Part II** when **handing over**.

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Part I

- In each of the questions from **1** to **10**, a group of **five** names are given. **One** of the names given in each group **does not** tally with the others for some reason. Select that name and write its **number** in the **bracket**.
- (1) Sukaratittha (2) Mahatittha (3) Gokanna
(4) Kachchakatittha (5) Jambukolapattana (.....)
 - (1) Thullattana (2) Vattagamani (3) Lanjitissa
(4) Khallatanaga (5) Voharakatissa (.....)
 - (1) Senapati (2) Bhojakapati (3) Udakapati
(4) Dakapati (5) Materamajibakapati (.....)
 - (1) Gantakara (2) Bubbulakara (3) Ghatakara
(4) Dhanyakara (5) Sarpilakara (.....)
 - (1) Pararajasekaram (2) Edirimanacinkam (3) Arittakivendu
(4) Puviraja Pandaram (5) Varodaya Cinkeiariyan (.....)



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| 6. | (1) Udabulathgama
(4) Tumpane | (2) Kotmale
(5) Tamankaduwa | (3) Dumbara
(.....) |
| 7. | (1) Senasammata Vikramabahu
(4) Jayaweera Bandara | (2) Karalliyadde Bandara
(5) Senarat | (3) Senalankadhikara
(.....) |
| 8. | (1) Rhys Davids
(4) Arthur Gordon | (2) Thomas Maitland
(5) West Ridgeway | (3) Henry Ward
(.....) |
| 9. | (1) Sarasavi Sandaresa
(4) Lakrivikirana | (2) Rasavahini
(5) Sinhala Bauddhaya | (3) Lakmini Pahana
(.....) |
| 10. | (1) D. S. Senanayake
(4) N. M. Perera | (2) Dudley Senanayake
(5) S. W. R. D. Bandaranaike | (3) John Kotelawala
(.....) |

- In each of the questions from 11 to 15, five pairs of names are given. Among them there is one pair in which the names/expressions **do not** tally with one another. Identify that particular pair of names and write its **number in the bracket**.

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| 11. | (1) Tilokasundari
(2) Ratnavali
(3) Lilavati
(4) Sunethra Devi
(5) Kusumasana Devi | - Vijayabahu I
- Manabharana
- Parakramabahu I
- Parakramabahu VI
- Vimaladharماسuriya I
(.....) |
| 12. | (1) Nikayasamgrahaya
(2) Sinhala Bodhivamsaya
(3) Dhampiya Atuva Getapadaya
(4) Guttila Kavyaya
(5) Ahalepola Hatana | - Devarakkhita Jayabahu Dharmakirti Thero
- Vilgammula Thero
- Kasyapa V
- Vetteve Himi
- Ranasgalle Himi
(.....) |
| 13. | (1) Battle of Mulleriya
(2) Battle of Danture
(3) Battle of Balana
(4) Battle of Randeniwela
(5) Battle of Gannoruwa | - Joao Ribeiro
- Pero Lopez de Sousa
- Don Jeronimo de Azavedo
- Constantino de Sa de Noronha
- Diogo de Melo de Castro
(.....) |
| 14. | (1) Nuno Alvares Pereira
(2) Jacome Gonsalves
(3) Willem van Imhoff
(4) James Taylor
(5) H. C. P. Bell | - A Portuguese Captain-General
- A French Priest
- A Dutch Governor
- An English planter
- A British Civil Servant
(.....) |
| 15. | (1) Construction of Colombo-Kandy road
(2) Imposition of the road tax
(3) Re-establishment of Gamsabhava
(4) Abolition of grain tax
(5) Establishment of the museum | - Edward Barnes
- Lord Torrington
- Hercules Robinson
- Arthur Havelock
- James Longdon
(.....) |



- For each of the questions from **16 to 20**, some names / statements / dates are given in columns **X** and **Y**. The names / statements / dates given in column **Y** have some affinity with those in column **X**. But they are **not** arranged in the proper order of sequence. When column **Y** is arranged in the proper order with column **X**, **one** of the five combinations given below is correct. Write the **number** of the correct combination **in the bracket**.

16.

X	Y
(i) Siri Meghavanna	A - Thonigala Inscription
(ii) Udaya IV	B - Dewanagala Inscription
(iii) Vijayabahu I	C - Hopitigama Inscription
(iv) Kirti Sri Rajasimha	D - Panakaduwa Copper Plate
(v) Parakramabahu I	E - Getaberiya Sannasa
(1) ABCED (2) ACDEB (3) ADCBE (4) BEACD (5) CEDBA (.....)	

17.

X	Y
(i) Prince Sapumal	A - Vimaladharmasuriya I
(ii) Tikiri Bandara	B - Rajasimha II
(iii) Maha Asthana	C - Buvanekabahu VI
(iv) Konappu Bandara	D - Vira Parakramabahu VIII
(v) Prince Ambulugala	E - Rajasimha I

(1) AEBCD (2) ADCEB (3) BDEAC (4) CDBAE (5) CEBAD (.....)

18.

X	Y
(i) John D'Oyly	A - Ceylon
(ii) Henry Marshall	B - Eleven Years in Ceylon
(iii) Thomas Skinner	C - Ancient Irrigation Works of Ceylon
(iv) Jonathan Forbes	D - A Sketch of the Constitution of the Kandyan Kingdom
(v) R. L. Brohier	E - Fifty Years in Ceylon

(1) ABDCE (2) BAECD (3) DAEBC (4) DCBEA (5) EACBD (.....)

19. X Y

(i) Ptolemy	A - Critique of the Portuguese Policy in Sri Lanka
(ii) Pliny	B - The first map depicting Sri Lanka
(iii) Fahien	C - Description of a pilgrimage to Sripada
(iv) Ibn Batuta	D - Description of Abhayagiri Vihara
(v) Queyroz	E - Description of the Sri Lankan mission to Rome

(1) ABEDC (2) ACBDE (3) BDEAC (4) BEDCA (5) CDAEB (.....)

20.

X	Y
(i) Charles de Silva Batuwantudawa	A - Minister of Labour
(ii) D. B. Jayathilaka	B - Minister of Communication and Works
(iii) T. B. Panabokke	C - Minister of Home Affairs
(iv) Peri Sundaram	D - Minister of Health
(v) Mohammed Macan Marker	E - Minister of Local Government

(1) ADECB (2) AEBCD (3) BACED (4) CDAEB (5) ECDAB (.....)

- In each of the questions from **21** to **25**, **five** items are listed under one heading. **One** of those items **does not relate** to the **particular** heading. Select that item and write its **number in the bracket**.

21. Reign of King Valagamba

- (1) Invasion of seven Tamils
- (2) Rebellion of Tiya Brahmana
- (3) Ekneliya famine
- (4) Donation of a private monastery
- (5) Tripitaka was committed into writing (.....)



22. Carvings at Isurumuniya

- (1) 'Man and the horse head' is a major carving.
- (2) It is considered that Saliya and Asokamala are depicted in the carving of 'Isurumuni lovers.'
- (3) Kuttam Pokuna with cobra motifs is located at Isurumuniya.
- (4) Images of bathing elephants are carved.
- (5) The carvings at Isurumuniya are considered to have been influenced by the tradition of Pallava art. (.....)

23. Relations between the Dutch and the Kandyan Kingdom

- (1) A Dutch delegation met King Vimaladharma Suriya I in 1602.
- (2) The Dutch entered into a treaty with the Kandyan Kingdom in 1638.
- (3) The Dutch invaded Kandy in 1765.
- (4) A treaty was signed between the Dutch and the King of Kandy in 1766.
- (5) Father Joseph Vas propagated Catholicism in Kandy with the patronage of the Dutch. (.....)

24. Colebrooke - Cameron Reform Proposals

- (1) Reduction of powers of the Governor
- (2) Abolition of the system of rajakariya.
- (3) Establishment of a unified administrative system
- (4) Increase of the salaries of the Civil Servants
- (5) Establishment of Legislative and Executive Councils (.....)

25. Grant of Independence to Sri Lanka

- (1) Sri Lanka was granted dominion status on 4 February 1948.
- (2) Lord Soulbury was appointed as the first Governor-General of independent Sri Lanka.
- (3) Sri Lanka became an independent, autonomous state within the Commonwealth.
- (4) Sri Lanka was granted independence after British Parliament passed the Ceylon Independence Act of 1947.
- (5) King of England continued to be the Head of State in Sri Lanka. (.....)

- For each of the questions from 26 to 30, responses (A), (B), (C) and (D) are given. **One or more** of these is/are correct. Select the correct response/responses and mark your answer in the bracket according to following instructions. Write number,

- 1 if only (A) and (B) are correct.
- 2 if only (A) and (C) are correct.
- 3 if only (B) and (C) are correct.
- 4 if only (C) and (D) are correct.
- 5 **Any other** numbers or combination of responses is correct.

Summary of instructions				
1	2	3	4	5
Only (A) and (B) are correct.	Only (A) and (C) are correct.	Only (B) and (C) are correct.	Only (C) and (D) are correct.	Any other numbers or combination of responses is correct

26. Which of the following statement/s is/are correct regarding the establishment of early settlements in the island?

- (A) According to the chronicles the early settlers arrived in this country from North India.
- (B) Early settlements were established in the river valleys of the dry zone.
- (C) According to the Mahavamsa the main livelihood of early settlers was trade.
- (D) Sotthishala were the common meeting places in early settlements. (.....)



27. Which of the following statement/s is/are correct regarding the reign of King Vasabha?
 (A) King Vasabha was the first ruler of the Lambhakarna dynasty.
 (B) Inscriptions belonging to the reign of King Vasabha are found in various places of the island.
 (C) Vallipuram Gold Plate belongs to the reign of King Vasabha.
 (D) The construction of large tanks commenced during the reign of King Vasabha. (.....)
28. Which of the following statement/s is/are correct regarding the decline of the Rajarata civilization?
 (A) Threats from the Jaffna Kingdom
 (B) Invasion by Kalinga Magha and the consequences of his rule
 (C) Non-maintenance of irrigation works
 (D) Spread of bubonic plague (.....)
29. Which of the following statement/s is/are correct regarding the administration of the Kandyan Kingdom?
 (A) King Sri Vijaya Rajasimha created three posts of Adhikarama.
 (B) King Rajadhirajasimha appointed Ehelepola as the Mahadhikarama.
 (C) The principal means of procuring services to the King and the court was the badda organization.
 (D) The King had the sole power of imposing capital punishment. (.....)
30. Which of the following statement/s is/are correct regarding the nationalization policy?
 (A) The government elected in 1956 commenced the nationalization policy.
 (B) The nationalization was implemented as a result of an election pledge given by J. R. Jayewardene.
 (C) Bus services were nationalized in 1958.
 (D) Plantations were nationalized in 1960. (.....)
- For each of the questions from 31 to 35, select the correct answer and write its **number in the bracket**.
31. What is the site where the most ancient pre-historic remains of Sri Lanka have been found?
 (1) Deraniyagala Cave (2) Bhagava Lena
 (3) Pathirajawela (4) Asana Cave
 (5) Ataseta Lena (.....)
32. Who was the first Sri Lankan ruler who obtained Indian military aid to ascend the throne?
 (1) Sirinaga I (2) Ilanaga
 (3) Sirinaga II (4) Kujjanaga
 (5) Mahanaga (.....)
33. Who was the architect of the Lankathilaka Viharaya which belongs to the Gampola Period?
 (1) Devendra Mulachari (2) Ganeshvaracharya
 (3) Sthapathirayara (4) Nilagama Patabenda
 (5) Devaragampola Silvattena (.....)
34. Who was the bhikkhu-teacher of Velivita Saranamkara Sangharaja Thero?
 (1) Suriyagoda Unnanse (2) Korathota Dhammakkhanda Thero
 (3) Dewanagala Ratanalankara Thero (4) Thibbotuwawe Sri Sumangala Thero
 (5) Wariyapola Sri Sumnagala Thero (.....)
35. Who was the leader who was consecrated during the struggle of 1848?
 (1) Puran Appu (2) Kivulegedara Mohottala
 (3) Nikapitiye Bandara (4) Ambanwela Rala
 (5) Gongalegoda Banda (.....)



- In each of the questions from 36 to 40, two statements are given. On the basis of the table given below, select the pair of statements, out of those that are given as 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 that fits best with the two statements in each of the questions and write its **number in the bracket**.

	First Statement	Second Statement
1	Correct	Incorrect
2	Correct	Correct
3	Incorrect	Incorrect
4	Incorrect	Correct
5	Correct	Correct and explains the first statement well.

	First Statement	Second Statement	
36.	King Raja Raja I built the Demala Maha Seya at Polonnaruwa.	Jathaka Katha Potha was written during the Dambadeniya Period.	(.....)
37.	The fortress built by Nishshanka Alagakkonara at Darugrama laid the foundation for the Kingdom of Kotte.	Jotiya Sitana led a rebellion during the reign of King Parakramabahu VI of Kotte.	(.....)
38.	Soliyas Mendis painted the murals in the new Kelani Viharaya.	The first speaker of the State Council was Francis Molamure.	(.....)
39.	Vidyodaya University was established in 1959.	Nicholas Attygalle was the first Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ceylon.	(.....)
40.	From the end of the second decade of the twentieth century, the Ceylon National congress played a pivotal role in the national movement of Sri Lanka.	The Ceylon National Congress which was established in 1919 with Ponnambalam Arunachalam as the Chairman, conducted negotiations with British rulers regarding constitutional reforms and the rights of Sri Lankans.	(.....)

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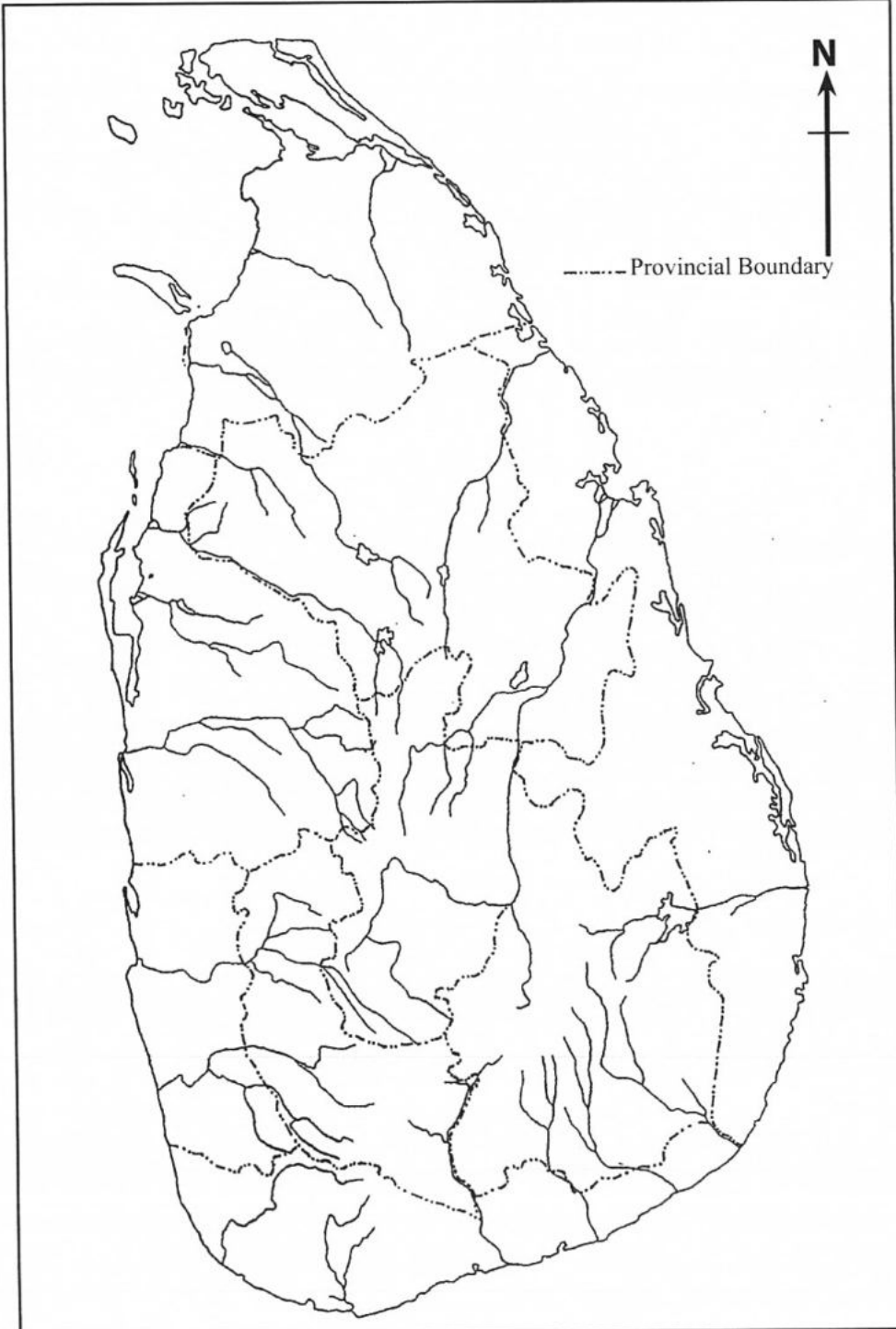
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 History of Sri Lanka I (Part II)

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History of Sri Lanka - From the earliest times to 1978 A.D.

Instructions:

- * The **total** number of questions that should be answered is 4.
- * **Part II** consists of **three** parts as **A, B and C**.
- * The question in the **Part A** is compulsory.
- * **In addition** answer **three** questions selecting **at least one** question from each of the **parts B and C**.
 (An outline map of Sri Lanka is provided with **Part I** for answering question No. 1)

Part A

1. **Mark and name all the places** given below on the map provided.

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| (i) Kadamba Nadi | (ii) Kataragama | (iii) Sabaragamuwa Province |
| (iv) Kala Wewa | (v) Nallur | (vi) Chilaw |
| (vii) Senkadagala | (viii) Lanka Patuna | (ix) Kytes |
| (x) Kelani River | (xi) Polonnaruwa | (xii) Kotte |

(01 mark for each marked and named correctly.)

Part B

2. Examine the importance of Pali chronicles in the study of the history of Sri Lanka up to the end of the Anuradhapura Period. (16 marks)
3. "King Dutugemunu defeated King Elara and unified the entire island on the foundation laid by King Kavantissa."
 (i) Name the father of King Kavantissa. (01 mark)
 (ii) Name the brother of King Dutugemunu. (01 mark)
 (iii) Write a brief note on the political conditions prevalent in Rajarata at the time King Kavantissa was ruling Ruhuna. (04 marks)
 (iv) Evaluate the political achievement of King Dutugemunu, paying attention to the role played by King Kavantissa. (10 marks)
4. Examine the cultural conditions during the Polonnaruwa Period under the following themes:
 (i) religious developments (06 marks)
 (ii) art and architecture (10 marks)

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5. Write short notes on the historical importance of any **two** of the following:

- (i) King Dhatu-sena
- (ii) Foreign trade during the Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa Periods
- (iii) Culture and literature during the Dambadeniya Period
- (iv) Relations between the Jaffna Kingdom and other kingdoms of the island

(08 × 2 = 16 marks)

Part C

6. Compare the economic policies adopted by the Portuguese and the Dutch in the Maritime Provinces of Sri Lanka under the following headings:

- (i) main objectives
- (ii) measures adopted

(16 marks)

7. "The uprising of 1817-1818 was the most formidable protest movement against the British rule in Sri Lanka."

- (i) Name the British Governor who served in Sri Lanka at the time the uprising broke out. (01 mark)
- (ii) Name the British Resident at Kandy at the time. (01 mark)
- (iii) Write a brief note on the major provisions of the Kandyan Convention. (04 marks)
- (iv) Critically examine the factors which led to the outbreak of the uprising of 1817-1818. (10 marks)

8. Examine the factors which led to the origin and expansion of tea cultivation in Sri Lanka under the British. (16 marks)

9. Write short notes on the historical importance of any **two** of the following:

- (i) Leaders of the Islamic revival
- (ii) Colonization scheme during the British rule
- (iii) C. W. W. Kannangara
- (iv) Executive Presidency

(08 × 2 = 16 marks)

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