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(07) History - I, II

Three hours

Additional Reading Time - 10 minutes

Use **additional reading time** to go through the question paper, select the questions and decide on the questions that you give priority in answering.

History - Paper I

Note :

- * Answer **all** questions. This paper carries **40** marks.
- * In each of the questions from **1** to **40**, pick one of the alternatives (1), (2), (3), (4) which is **correct or most appropriate**.
- * **Mark a cross (x) on the number corresponding to your choice in the answer sheet provided.**
- * Further instructions are given on the back of the answer sheet. Follow them carefully.

- Select the correct answer for each question from **No. 1** to **15**. (01 × 40 = 40 marks)
- 1. Who wrote the Mahavamsa?

(1) Fahien thero	(2) Ptolemy
(3) Mahanama thero	(4) Buddhaghosha thero
- 2. What is the mountainous area wherein Mahaweli and Kelani rivers begin?

(1) Pidurutalagala	(2) Samanala	(3) Namunukula	(4) Kirigalpotta
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- 3. From among the following, what is the pass which has a historical significance?

(1) Balana	(2) Hanguranketa	(3) Ruwanwella	(4) Dambulla
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- 4. What is the chetiya which is considered to have built by Thapassu and Bhalluka, the two horse-dealers?

(1) Mahiyangana chetiya	(2) Thiriyaya chetiya
(3) Thuparama chetiya	(4) Jetavana chetiya
- 5. Which includes the names of the kings who made an immense contribution to the development of irrigation?

(1) Vijaya, Vasabha, Parakramabahu the Great	(2) Vasabha, Mahasen, Dhatusena
(3) Parakramabahu the Great, Bhuvanekabahu I, Parakramabahu II	(4) Vijaya, Mahasen, Valagamba

6. Who was the ruler who liberated Rajarata from Chola rule?
(1) Vijayabahu I (2) Parakramabahu I
(3) Nissankamalla (4) Parakramabahu II
7. What is the Sri Lankan spice which had a very high demand in the European market towards the sixteenth century?
(1) Cloves (2) Cinnamon (3) Pepper (4) Cardamom
8. What was the reason which led the rulers of Rome to suppress Christianity at the beginning?
(1) The rulers claimed divinity
(2) Disappearance of the Jewish religion
(3) The priests becoming an obstruction to the administration
(4) Rejection of Christianity by the Romans
9. What is the country which was called Suwanna Bhumi?
(1) Thailand (2) China (3) Japan (4) Burma
10. What is the country wherein Zen Buddhism originated?
(1) China (2) Laos (3) Cambodia (4) Thailand
11. Name the king who signed the Kandyan-Dutch treaty of 1638?
(1) Vimaladharmasuriya I (2) Rajasingha I
(3) Rajasingha II (4) Vimaladharmasuriya II
12. From among the following, what is the book written during the Dambadeniya period?
(1) Pujavaliya (2) Amavatura
(3) Sinhala Jataka Pota (4) Loweda Sangarawa
13. Who was the thero who presided the Third Buddhist Council?
(1) Maha Kasyapa (2) Ananda
(3) Upali (4) Moggaliputta Tissa
14. Who was the king who was credited with the epithet, 'Kalikala Sahitya Sarvagna Pandita'?'
(1) Vijayabahu the Great (2) Parakramabahu II
(3) Vijayabahu III (4) Parakramabahu VI
15. Under whose governorship did the Maritime Provinces of Sri Lanka come under the British Crown?
(1) Frederick North (2) Thomas Maitland
(3) Robert Brownrigg (4) Lord Torrington
- In each of the questions from 16 to 20 four names are given. Among them one name does not tally with the others. Select that name.
16. (1) Pallava (2) Pandya
(3) Chola (4) Manavamma

17. (1) Ruvanveliseya (2) Kirivehera
(3) Galviharaya (4) Alahana Pirivena
18. (1) Kotte (2) Devinuvara
(3) Rayigama (4) Sitavaka
19. (1) Godavari nadi (2) Gona nadi
(3) Maha nadi (4) Sindu nadi
20. (1) Salapanawa (2) Bisokotuwa
(3) Ethulwana (4) Dewathakotuwa

● In each of the questions from No. 21 to 25 four pairs of names/ statements are given. Among them there is one pair in which names/ statements **do not** tally with each other. Select that pair.

21. (1) Asela - Elara
(2) Valagamba - Sena and Guttika
(3) Parakrama Pandya - Kalinga Magha
(4) Parakramabahu II - Chandrabanu
22. (1) Dutugemunu - Lovamahapaya
(2) Mahasena - Jetavanaramaya
(3) Parakrmabahu the Great - Mirisavetiya
(4) Nissankamalla - Rankot Vehera
23. (1) Kavsilumina - Parakramabahu IV
(2) Pujavaliya - Buddha Putra Thero
(3) Loweda Sangarawa - Vidagama Maithriya Thero
(4) Kavya Shekharaya - Thotagamuwe Sri Rahula Thero
24. (1) Magadha - Pataliputra
(2) Kosala - Shravasti
(3) Gandhara - Vishala
(4) Kasi - Baranesa
25. (1) Burma - King Anuruddha
(2) Siam - King Siridhamma
(3) Cambodia - King Jayawarman
(4) China - King Kanishka

● In each questions from No. 26 to 30 four responses (A), (B), (C) and (D) are given. Two of them are correct. Select the two correct responses and mark,

No. 1 if only (A) and (B) are correct

No. 2 if only (B) and (C) are correct

No. 3 if only (C) and (D) are correct

No. 4 if only (A) and (D) are correct

26. Which of the following statements are correct regarding the Mahavamsa?
(A) - the greatest source for the study of Sri Lankan history
(B) - inclusion of data that are useful for building up of Indian history
(C) - inclusion of all information on ancient Sri Lanka
(D) - abundance of information regarding the monks who were residing at the Abhayagiri Viharaya
27. Which of the following statements are correct regarding the Dambadeniya period?
(A) - agriculture based on irrigation was prominent
(B) - unification of the island centred on Dambadeniya
(C) - the seat of administration of Parakramabahu II
(D) - Liberation of Polonnaruwa from Kalinga Magha
28. Which of the following statements are correct regarding the economic activities of the Dutch?
(A) - procurement of labour by using the caste system
(B) - getting down of Indian labourers to this country
(C) - introduction of tea plantation to this country
(D) - asweddumization of Mutturajawela for the increase of rice production
29. Which of the following statements are correct regarding the British rule in Sri Lanka?
(A) - outbreak of an anti-British rebellion in the Malitime Provinces in 1797
(B) - conquest of the whole island by the British in 1815
(C) - grant of universal franchise to Sri Lankans in 1910
(D) - grant of independence to Sri Lanka under the Donoughmore constitution.
30. Which of the following statements are correct regarding the *Sapta Aparihani Dharma* (Seven Essential Dharmas) ?
(A) - abstaining from eating meat
(B) - frequent gathering and discussing together
(C) - attending the meeting in unison and leaving together at the end of the meeting
(D) - obtaining the approval of everybody in taking decisions
- In each of the questions from No. 31 to 35, some names/ statements are given in columns X and Y. The names and statements given in column Y have some affinity with those in column X. But they are not arranged in a proper sequence. Select the correct answer when those in column Y are arranged according to the sequential order in column X.

- 31.
- | X | Y |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| (1) Sebald de Weert | A - Sri Wickrama Rajasingha |
| (2) John Pybus | B - Vimaladharmasuriya I |
| (3) Hugh Boyd | C - Kirti Sri Rajasingha |
| (4) MacDowall | D - Rajadhi Rajasingha |
- (1) A, C, B, D (2) B, C, D, A (3) C, D, A, B (4) D, B, A, C

- 32.
- | X | Y |
|------------------|---------------------|
| (1) Mahatiththa | A - Palatupana |
| (2) Paluttagiri | B - Manawulu Nuwara |
| (3) Wakirigala | C - Matota |
| (4) Mahanagahula | D - Watagiri |
- (1) A, C, B, D (2) B, D, C, A (3) C, A, D, B (4) D, B, A, C

33. **X** **Y**
- (1) Parakramabahu I A - Gampola
 (2) Bhuvanekabahu I B - Polonnaruwa
 (3) Buvanekabahu IV C - Yapahuva
 (4) Parakramabahu VI D - Kotte
- (1) A, C, D, B (2) B, C, A, D (3) C, B, D, A (4) D, A, B, C

34. **X** **Y**
- (1) Greece A - River Sindu
 (2) Rome B - Java island
 (3) Indonesia C - Athens
 (4) India D - Tyber river
- (1) A, C, B, D (2) B, C, A, D (3) C, D, B, A (4) D, A, B, C

35. **X** **Y**
- (1) Venus A - a brave warrior
 (2) Alexander B - a goddess
 (3) Socrates C - a playwright
 (4) Aeschylus D - a philosopher
- (1) A, B, C, D (2) B, A, D, C (3) C, D, B, A (4) D, C, A, B

- In each of the questions from No. 36 to 40, two statements are given. On the basis of the table given below, select the two statements that fit best with the two statements in each of the question and mark its **number**.

Number	First Statement	Second Statement
1	Correct	Correct
2	Correct	Incorrect
3	Incorrect	Incorrect
4	Incorrect	Correct

	First Statement	Second Statement
36.	King Pandukabhaya appointed his uncle, Abhaya to the post of Raththirajja.	King Devanampiya Tissa married Viharamahadevi.
37.	Parakrama Samudra has been built amalgamating Thopa, Dumbutulu and Eramudu tanks.	Parakrama Samudra has been fed by the waters of Amban ganga.
38.	Vidyalankara Pirivena at Peliyagoda was established by Hikkaduwe Sumangala Thero.	Sahira College was established by T.B. Jayah.
39.	Siam, as a Buddhist country, has maintained religious relations with Sri Lanka from ancient times.	A statue of the Buddha was brought to Siam from Sri Lanka and among the people of that country there was a belief that the owner of that statue would be the king.
40.	Rome which began as a small state developed to a vast empire.	Strengthening of Greece caused the decline of the Roman empire.

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History - Paper II

- Answer **five** questions only, including question No. 1 and selecting **four** others.

1. (i) Mark and name **all the places** given below on the map of Sri Lanka provided.

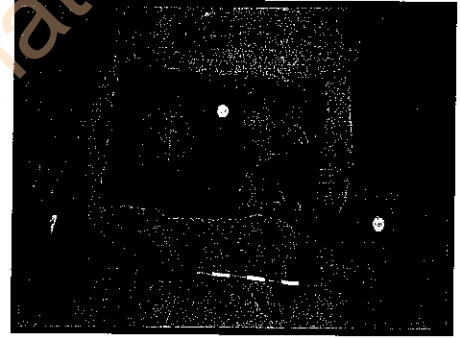
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| 1. Kirindi Oya | 2. Matota | 3. Polonnaruwa |
| 4. Kalutara | 5. Yan Oya | 6. Mahiyangana |

(01 mark for each item marked and named correctly)

- Study the pictures given under **A** and **B** and answer the questions with reference to them.

- (ii) (a) What is depicted in Picture A?
(b) Where is it located?
(c) What is the closest town to this place?

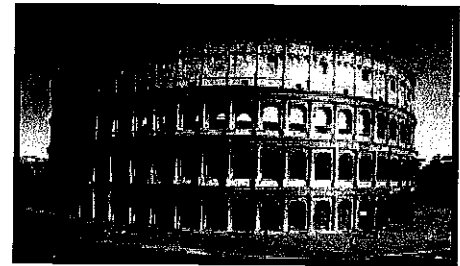
(03 marks)



A

- (iii) (a) What is the building depicted in Picture B?
(b) Where is it situated?
(c) For what purpose was it used?

(03 marks)



B

2. (i) Name **two** sacred Buddhist place of worship built by the king Devanampiya Tissa. (02 marks)
- (ii) Name **four** members of the mission of Mahinda Thero. (04 marks)
- (iii) Explain with reference to **two** points the contribution made by Mahinda Thero to establish the Buddhist Order in Sri Lanka. (06 marks)

3. (i) Name **two** archaeological sources which provide information on King Vasabha. (02 marks)
(ii) State **two** religious services of King Vasabha. (04 marks)
(iii) Describe with reference to **two** points the economic contribution of King Vasabha. (06 marks)
4. (i) Write **two** other names used for Polonnaruwa. (02 marks)
(ii) Write **two** reasons which led the Cholas to select Polonnaruwa as their seat of administration. (04 marks)
(iii) Explain **two** reasons which led to the downfall of the Polonnaruwa kingdom. (06 marks)
5. (i) Name **two** battles in which the Portuguese were defeated by the Kandyans. (02 marks)
(ii) Write **two** reasons which led to the failure of Portuguese invasions of Kandy. (04 marks)
(iii) Explain **two** influences of the Portuguese rule on Sri Lankan society. (06 marks)
6. (i) Name **two** persons who gave leadership to the political renaissance during the British rule. (02 marks)
(ii) State **two** changes that took place in the political sphere as a result of the British rule. (04 marks)
(iii) Explain **two** new features that entered the culture of this country during the British rule. (06 marks)
7. (i) Name **two** Roman emperors. (02 marks)
(ii) State **two** powers of the Roman emperors. (04 marks)
(iii) Explain **two** values that can be obtained from the Roman civilization. (06 marks)
8. Write notes on the historical significance of any **two** of the following.
(i) Art and architecture during the Maurya period of India.
(ii) Society during the Greek period
(iii) Significance of archaeological sources for the study of Sri Lankan history
(iv) Soulbury constitutional reforms (06×2=12 marks)

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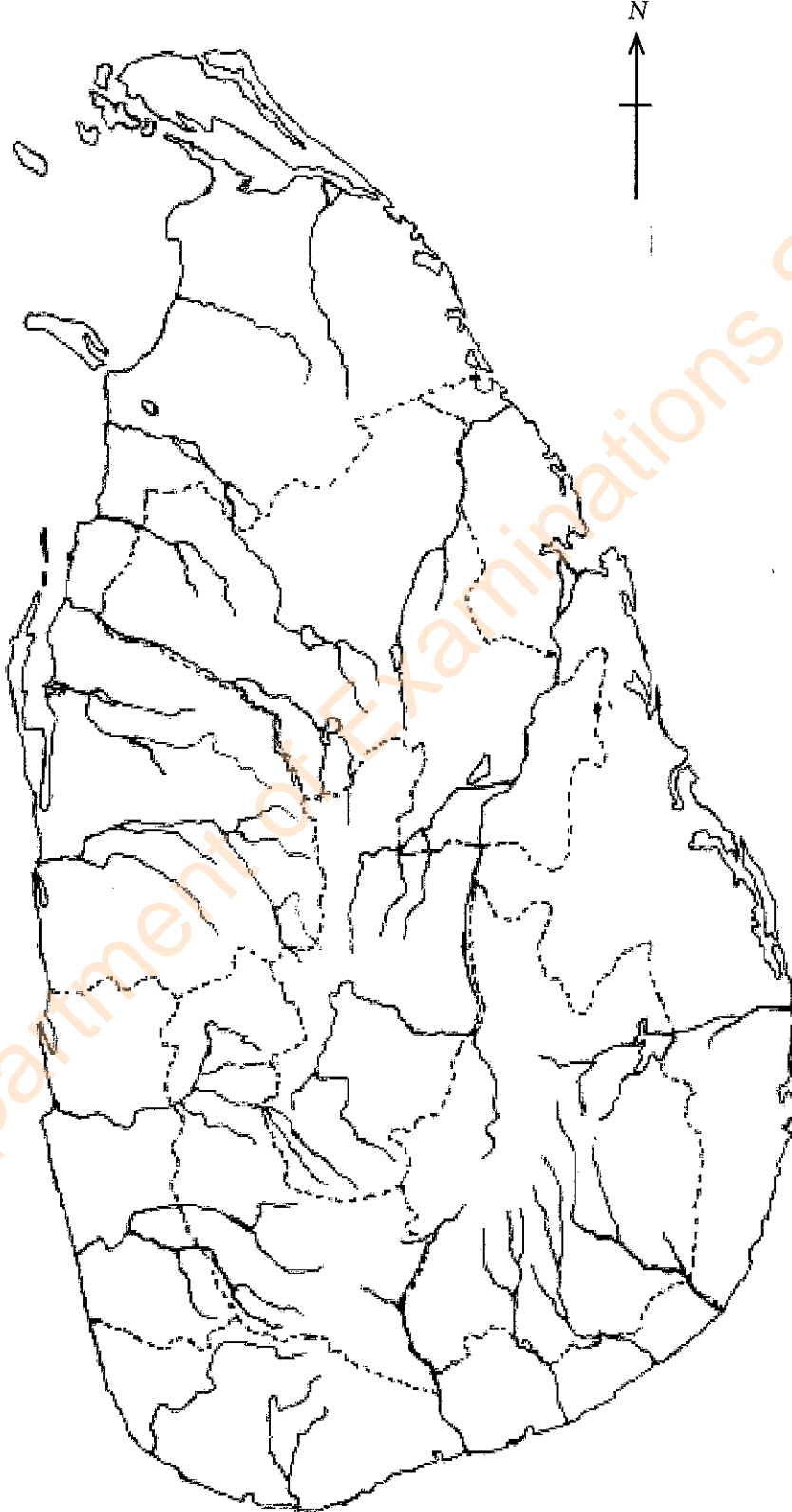
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(07) History - Paper II

- Use this map to answer the question No. 1 (i) in Part II. After answering, annex this with your answer scripts and hand over.

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1. (i)



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