



**University of Kelaniya – Sri Lanka**

*Centre for Distance and Continuing Education*

**Bachelor of Arts (General) Degree First Examination (External) – 2012/13  
2015 December – 2016 February  
(Old / New Syllabus)**

**Faculty of Social Sciences**

**History - HIST - E1015**

**Ancient Civilizations**

**Answer five (05) questions only**

**No. of questions : 10**

**Time : 03 Hours**

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01.
    - i) Define what is meant by 'Civilization'.
    - ii) Describe the main features which are common to civilizations.
  02. Write a brief account of the Paleolithic and Neolithic periods.
  03. Examine the geographical factors which led to the origin of the Sumerian civilization.
  04. Examine the importance of the Code of Hammurabi for the study of the ancient Babylonian society.
  05. Explain the manner in which the belief of 'divine origin' of ancient Egyptian rulers had influenced the moulding of that civilization.
  06. Write short notes on the historical significance of the following topics:
    - i) Minoan civilization
    - ii) Period of Shang dynasty
  07.
    - i) Write a brief account of the system of Greek city- states
    - ii) Examine the main features of the systems of government prevalent among these city- states.
  08. Write short notes on the significance of any **two** of the following topics related to the Greek culture.
    - i) Greek religion
    - ii) Greek literature
    - iii) Greek Philosophy
  09. Trace the main stages in the spread of Christianity in the Roman empire and examine briefly the importance of the acceptance of that religion by the Romans.
  10. Discuss the main factors which led to the downfall of the west Roman empire.

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