



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 - E1025**

**History of India, up to 1526 AD**

**Answer five (05) questions only**

**No. of questions : 10**

**Time : 03 Hours**

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01. Discuss the influence of geographical features on the origin and the development of political institutions in ancient India.
  02. “Depending only on archaeological sources for the study of Indus Civilization is problematic” Discuss.
  03. Explain the main features of the political, social, economic and religious spheres of the Vedic Aryans.
  04. **Either**  
Review information contained in primary sources on the sixteen Great Janapadas.  
**Or**  
Examine the philosophical awakening in India during the 6<sup>th</sup> century B.C.
  05. **Either**  
Trace the main stages in the expansion of the Magadha empire.  
**Or**  
Examine the Asoka Dhamma with reference to primary sources.
  06. Discuss the manner in which the Pallava Empire was established in South India.
  07. Evaluate the political achievement of Raja Raja I and Rajendra I.
  08. Explain why Sultan Ghiyas- Ud-Din- Balban of Slave Dynasty.
  09. What were the Administrative Reforms carried out by Muhammad –Bin- Tugluk.
  10. Analyse the ruling policies of the Delhi Sultanate?

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