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Political Science

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Answer five (05) Questions only.

No. of questions : 09

Time : 03 Hours

01. Explain the background of establishing British colonial rule between 1798 and 1815 in Sri Lanka.
02. Introduce the political reforms of Colebrook-Cameron and analyze their long-term outcomes in Sri Lankan politics.
03. “Donoughmore reforms played a significant role in socio-political development in Sri Lanka.” Do you agree with this statement? Make your comments.
04. How do you explain the “National Movement in Ceylon” as an unsuccessful resistant movement in the colonial period?
05. Explain the cabinet system introduced by the Soulbury commission reforms in 1947.
06. Critically examine the President’s position under the constitution of 1972.
07. How do you explain the executive power of the President vested from the 1978 constitution?
08. “The Supreme Court is the apex body of the present court hierarchy in Sri Lanka.” Comment.
09. The political party system in Sri Lanka has been transforming from a dual- party system to a multi-party system. Analyze with examples.
