



University of Kelaniya – Sri Lanka

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**Bachelor of Arts (General) Degree Third Examination (External) - 2010
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Faculty of Social Sciences

History - HIST - E3015

History of Sri Lanka from 1597 to 1972 AC

Answer five (05) questions only

No. of questions : 10

Time : 03 Hours

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01. Examine the administrative system adopted by the Portuguese in the Kotte Kingdom after 1597.
 02. Examine the social welfare activities and strategies used by the Portuguese for the spreading of their religion.
 03. Examine the manner in which Vimaladharmasuriya I came to power in the Kandyan Kingdom and assess his achievement.
 04. Examine the main features of the economic policy followed by the Dutch in the Maritime Provinces in Sri Lanka.
 05. Examine the main factors which led to the rise of the Kandyans against the British in 1818 and explain briefly the nature of that struggle.
 06. Analyse the administrative reforms proposed by the Colebrooke Commission.
 07. Examine the expansion of the plantation economy of Sri Lanka.
 08. ‘The main factor which led to the outbreak of the uprising of 1848 against British was the tax reforms of Torrington.’ Do you agree?
 09. Write a brief account of the Donoughmore Constitution.
 10. Analyse briefly the policies which were instrumental in developing the agricultural sector in independent Sri Lanka.
