



**University of Kelaniya – Sri Lanka**

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**Bachelor of Arts (General) Degree Third Examination (External) – 2013  
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(New Syllabus)**

**Faculty of Social Sciences**

**History - HIST- E3015**

**Sri Lankan History -1597-1972**

**Answer five (05) questions only**

**No. of questions : 10**

**Time : 03 Hours**

01. “In order to achieve their objectives, the Portuguese opted to continue the indigenous administrative system with some necessary modifications.” To what extent is this statement correct with regard to the administrative policy followed by the Portuguese in the Maritime provinces after 1597.
02. “Geographical factors were not the only reason which led to the failure of the attempts made by the Portuguese to conquer the Kandyan Kingdom.” Discuss.
03. Examine the position occupied by education in the religious policy of the Dutch.
04. Trace the main stages in the consolidation of British power in Sri Lanka from 1796 to 1833.
05. Examine the manner in which the violation of the Kandyan Convention of 1815 led to the outbreak of the Rebellion of 1818.
06. What were the constitutional and administrative reforms proposed by the Colebrook - Cameron commission.
07. “To what extent did the ill effects of the British rule lead to the outbreak of the Rebellion of 1848?”
08. “The export – oriented economy brought about a radical social transformation in Sri Lanka.” Discuss this statement with reference to the results of the plantation economy under the British rule.
09. Discuss the nature and the importance of the Temperance Movement in Sri Lanka at the Beginning of the twentieth century.
10. Examine the background which led to the establishment of the Ceylon national congress.

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