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Practice Paper



Question Paper – I ,II ප්‍රශ්න පත්‍රය- I,II (සිංහල මාධ්‍යය)

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Instructions:

- *Answer **all** questions.*
- *In each of the questions from **1** to **40**, pick one of the alternatives (1), (2), (3), (4) which is **correct or most appropriate.***
- ***Mark a cross (×) on the number corresponding to your choice in the answer sheet provided.***
- *Further instructions are given on the back of the answer sheet. Follow them carefully.*

1. Which work was used as the primary source for composing the Dipavamsa?

   (1) Vamsatthappakasini (2) Bodhivamsa (3) Vinayatthakatha (4) Rajavaliya

2. What is the category of primary sources to which inscriptions written on stone pillars, rock surfaces, stone slabs, gold plates, and copper plates belong?

   (1) Ancient documents (2) Rock inscriptions (3) Slab inscriptions (4) Epigraphs

3. Why did prehistoric humans living in the interior of the country consume lagoon oysters as food?

   (1) Because they lived in caves
   (2) To fulfill salt requirements
   (3) Because it was an energy-producing food
   (4) Because it was easily available

4. Which climatic zone has fertile red-brown soil?

   (1) Low country wet zone (2) Dry zone (3) Wet zone (4) Mid-country intermediate zone

5. Who functioned as the head of the social unit called "Kulaya"?

   (1) Grahapati (2) Kulapati (3) Gamika (4) Parumaka

Answer questions 6 and 7 based on statements A, B, C, and D:

A - Providing leadership to the common activities in the village
B - Decisions for the welfare of villagers in the village tank system
C - Collection of taxes at ferry points and enjoyment of lands
D - Selection of a chief from among household heads

6. Which statement contains correct information about the ruler mentioned in the stone inscription found at the Situlpavva Koravakgala site?

(1) A and C (2) A and D (3) B and C (4) C and D

7. Which statement contains correct information about the ruler mentioned in the stone inscription found at Anuradhapura Kandalama Kotagalkanda site?

(1) A and C (2) A and D (3) B and C (4) C and D

8. What is the royal concept that gives the title of " ‘dominating the whole world’"?

(1) Devatva (2) Bodhisattva (3) Chakravarti (4) Parvataraj

9. Column I shows several famous rulers who ruled Sri Lanka, and Column II shows the usurper rulers. Match Column I with Column II and select the correct answer.

Column I:

1. Dutugamunu
2. Vasabha
3. Dhatusena

Column II:

A – Sadhatissa
B – Kashyapa
C – Kavantissa
1. D – Vankanasika Tissa

(1) A, B, D (2) A, D, B (3) C, D, B (4) C, B, D

10. What information is detailed in the pillar inscription of Sorabora Wewa belonging to King Udaya IV?

(1) Information about internal trade administration (2) Information about seasonal merchant guilds
(3) Information about merchant associations (4) Information about collection of trade taxes

11. By what name were Greek-Macedonian traders who came to ancient Sri Lanka for trade known?

(1) Dameda (2) Ionians (3) Jawakans (4) Cambodians

12. How was the amount of water released into irrigation channels controlled?

(1) By sluice gates (2) By sorova (3) By Bisokotuwa (4) By mohola

13. What was the smallest unit used by ancient Sri Lankans to measure length?

(1) Laha (2) Viha (3) Gunja (4) atom

14. What were gruel(kenda) made from mixing the leaves with medicinal quality called?

(1) Yagu (2) Hambu (3) Embulhambu (4) Ulukanda

15. Who gained control of international trade activities in the Indian Ocean around the 6th century AD?

(1) Dutch (2) British (3) Portuguese (4) Arabs

16. What is **the incorrect** statement regarding the fall of the Polonnaruwa capital?

(1) Weak rulers coming to power (2) Power struggles between royal dynasties
(3) Economic decline (4) Chola invasion

17. Which ruler restored the Kelaniya Temple?

(1) King Vijayabahu III (2) King Parakramabahu II (3) King Vijayabahu IV (4) King Bhuvanekabahu I

18. Who was the chief minister of King Vickramabahu III?

(1) Minister Devapathiraja (2) Senalakadhikara Senavira (3) Vira Alakesvara (4) Nissanka Alakesvara

19. Column I shows names of several texts, and Column II shows details about their contents. Match Column I with Column II and select the correct answer.

Column I:	**Column II:**
Sidat Sangarava Elu Sandas Lakuna Dambadeniya Katikavata	A – Rules of poetry B – Monastic discipline C – Daily routines of ancient kings D – Sinhala grammar

(1) A, D, C (2) D, B, C (3) D, A, B (4) D, B, A

20. Who was famous during the Renaissance as a musician, practical engineer, architect, and skilled painter?

(1) Michelangelo (2) Raphael (3) Leonardo da Vinci (4) Masaccio

Some characteristics of European architecture are shown below. Answer questions 21 and 22 based on this information:

- A - Pointed arched vaults
- B - Semi-spherical domes
- C - Round arches
- D - High roofs
- E - Tall towers
- F - Pyramid-shaped towers

21. Select the answer that shows only characteristics of Roman architecture:

(1) A, D, and E (2) B, C, and E (3) B, D, and E (4) C, E, and F

22. Select the answer that shows characteristics of medieval architecture:

(1) A, D, and F (2) A, D, and E (3) B, D, and E (4) C, D, and F

23. Who was appointed as the Portuguese Viceroy of the East by the Portuguese King in 1505 AD?

(1) Francisco de Almeida (2) Vasco da Gama (3) Lourenço de Almeida (4) Lázarda

24. Which capital was conquered by the Portuguese army organized under Philip de Oliveira?

(1) Jaffna Kingdom (2) Raigama Kingdom (3) Kotte Kingdom (4) Kandy Kingdom

25. What is the name of the battle in the Kandyan region related to the coronation of Kusumasana Devi as Kandyan Queen and the death of General Lopes de Sousa?

(1) Mulleriyawa Battle (2) Danture Battle (3) Randeniya Battle (4) Gannoruwa Battle

26. Who was ruling India when William Hawkins and his crew arrived in India?

(1) Shah Jahan (2) Akbar the Great (3) Aurangzeb (4) Jahangir

27. Which missionary organization engaged in religious propaganda work in areas like Colombo, Galle, Kalpitiya, and Kandy?

(1) Church (2) London (3) Wesleyan (4) American

28. Who started a movement to protect the religious places in Anuradhapura?

(1) Anagarika Dharmapala (2) Olcott (3) Piyadasa Sirisena (4) Walisinha Harischandra

29. The school which is started by Arumuga Nawalar.

(1) Sahira Vidyalaya (2) Shiwangala Vidyalaya
(3) Parameswara Vidyalaya (4) Ramanathan Vidyalaya

30. What is a negative aspect inherited by Sri Lanka due to British rule?

(1) Spread of English knowledge (2) Parliamentary system of governance
(3) Collapse of self-sufficient economy (4) Introduction of export plantation crops

Answer questions 31 and 32 based on statements A and B:

A – Referendum B – Presidential Election

31. Regarding elections where the entire country is considered as one electorate:

(1) Both A and B are true (2) Both A and B are false
(3) A is true but B is false (4) A is false but B is true

32. Regarding occasions when people's legislative power is directly exercised:

(1) Both A and B are true (2) Both A and B are false
(3) A is true but B is false (4) A is false but B is true

33. Who limited the amount of land that could be held by one person through the 1972 Land Reform?

(1) Dudley Senanayake (2) John Kotelawala (3) J.R. Jayewardene (4) Sirimavo Bandaranaike

34. In which area was the first Export Processing Zone established in Sri Lanka?

(1) Katunayake (2) Ekala (3) Biyagama (4) Ratmalana

35. During which constitutional reform period was the free education system introduced to Sri Lanka?

(1) Colebrooke (2) Manning (3) Donoughmore (4) Soulbury

36. Which country invaded Abyssinia after World War I?

(1) Japan (2) Italy (3) Germany (4) France

Statements A, B, C, and D below are shown as pairs. Examine the relationship between the first and second items and answer questions 37 to 40:

A – 1. Establishment of German Empire
2. Increase in military power

B – 1. Collapse of autocratic monarchies in Europe
2. First World War

C - 1. Nazism
2. Persecution of Jews

D – 1. Socialist economic policy of Egyptian President
2. Suez Crisis

37. Which pair shows the second as a characteristic of the first?

(1) A (2) B (3) C (4) D

38. Which pair shows the first as a result of the second?

(1) A (2) B (3) C (4) D

39. Which pair shows the second as helpful to the first?

(1) A (2) B (3) C (4) D

40. Which pair shows the first and second as existing together?

(1) A (2) B (3) C (4) D

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** Question* No. **1** *in* **Part I** *is compulsory.*

** Answer* ***four*** *questions from* **Part II** *and* ***one*** *question from* **Part III**.

** The total number of questions to be answered is* ***six***.

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PART I

1. (a) (i) Mark and name all the following historical places on the provided map of Sri Lanka:

Pallavanka,Kantale, Sorabora weva,Maduru Oya Nilwala river, Kotte,Bundala,Mihintale, Matale, Lunuvila,Polgolle Dam (12 marks)

(ii) Mark and name all the following historical sites on the provided world map:

Greece,Persian Gulf,Philippine Islands,Korean Peninsula,Bombay,Florence (6 marks)

(b) (i) Answer the following questions A, B, C, and D in order on your answer sheet:

A - Who was the king who wrote the Galpota stone inscription?
B - Who composed the work "Ajaib al-Hind" containing information about Sri Lanka?
C - What was the association established under the leadership of George Wall in 1865?
D - Which country was invaded by Iraq during the Gulf Crisis? (4 marks)

Study images A and B and answer the following questions in order on your answer sheet:

1. Who is the ruler represented by this statue?
2. What was the capital of Sri Lanka during his reign?
3. From which country did he obtain glass beads?
4. Near which dagoba can this statue be seen? (4 marks)

A





1. Who is the person shown in this picture?
2. Which kingdom did he establish?
3. Which kingdom became enemies when building this kingdom?
4. Who was the ruler who attempted to develop his kingdom into an empire? (4 marks)

PART II B

2. (i) Name **three** prehistoric human habitation sites belonging to the Iranamadu formation where prehistoric humans lived. (3 marks)

(ii) Name **two** sites where evidence of red ochre application on skeletons as a funerary ritual by prehistoric humans is found. (4 marks)

(iii) Explain **two** common features seen in burial practices of the protohistoric period. (5 marks)

(iv) Describe **three** characteristics of early historic period settlements based on their nature and structure. (6 marks)

3. (i) Name **three** officials related to administrative matters during the pre-state era. (3 marks)

(ii) Name **two** measures taken by King Vasabha to systematize internal administration in Sri Lanka. (4 marks)

(iii) Describe **two** royal succession traditions that operated in ancient Sri Lanka with examples. (5 marks)

(iv) Describe **three** ways agricultural activities were conducted in ancient Sri Lanka with examples. (6 marks)

4. (i) Name **three** types of foreign coins used in the country during the historical period. (3 marks)

(ii) Answer the following questions:

A - What were royal officials who worked close to the king called in ancient times?
B - What was the social group that traditionally worked as slaves called?
C - Who was the royal official who provided guardianship to King Vijayabahu I during his childhood?
D – What was called “Mathirika”to in ancient inscriptions? (4 marks)

(iii) Explain **two** characteristics of personal relationships that can be seen in a social organization. (5 marks)

(iv) Describe **three** factors with examples that led to gaining respect in ancient women's society. (6 marks)

5. (i) Name **three** other kingdoms that existed in Sri Lanka contemporary to the Kandy Kingdom. (3 marks)

(ii) Name **two** types of cases personally resolved by the king during the Kandy Kingdom period. (4 marks)

(iii) Describe **two** challenges faced by King Vimaladharmasuriya I when ascending to the throne and how he overcame them. (5 marks)

(iv) Describe **three** main divisions related to administrative matters during the Kandy period and describe their responsibilities. (6 marks)

6. (i) Name **three** officials who were appointed to administer the coastal areas of Sri Lanka under Madras administration. (3 marks)

(ii) Name **two** reasons that drew British attention to Sri Lanka. (4 marks)

(iii) Describe **two** recommendations of the Meuron Commission appointed to resolve the anti-British struggle in the coastal areas of Sri Lanka during 1797/98. (5 marks)

(iv) Describe **three** reasons for the failure of the Second independence struggle of 1848. (6 marks)

7. (i) Name **three** Sri Lankan organizations that submitted petitions to the Colonial secretary demanding a new constitutional reform after the Colebrooke Constitutional Reforms were introduced. (3 marks)

(ii) Name **two** types of officials appointed to the executive Council introduced by the 1833 Constitutional Reforms. (4 marks)

(iii) Explain **two** outstanding features of the Donoughmore Constitution. (5 marks)

(iv) Describe **three** outstanding features of Sri Lanka's first republican constitution. (6 marks)

PART III

8. (i) Name **three** coal-rich areas in Britain. (3 marks)

(ii) Name **two** factors that led to the development of the textile industry in Britain during the Industrial Revolution. (4 marks)

(iii) Describe **three** changes that occurred in world politics as a result of the Industrial Revolution. (5 marks)

(iv) Explain three changes that occurred in Sri Lanka as a result of the Industrial Revolution. (6 marks)

9. (i) Name **three** new tax laws enacted by British Prime Minister George Grenville to increase revenue during the American War of Independence. (3 marks)

(ii) Choose answers from within brackets for questions A to D:

A - The city where the first continental conference in American Revolutionary history was held
B - Officials appointed by the French king to systematize provincial administration in France
C - Author of the work "Spirit of Laws"
D - Revolutionary leader who overthrew Czarist rule in Russia (4 marks)

(Rousseau, Paris, Philadelphia, Napoleon Bonaparte, Intendant, Scott General, Kerensky)

(iii) Describe **two** economic reasons that led to the French Revolution. (5 marks)

(iv) Describe three results of the Russian Revolution. (6 marks)

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