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One hour

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. What is the literary source written by Mahanama thero which is helpful in studying the history of Sri Lanka?
(1) Deepawamsa (2) Mahawamsa (3) Dhatuwamsa (4) Thupawamsa

2. What is the term used for the inscriptions written on arranged stone pillars?
(1) Len Lipi (2) Puwaru Lipi (3) Tam Lipi (4) Giri Lipi

3. From among the following, what is the place where evidence has been found on the burial of the dead bodies during the prehistoric era?
(1) Kitulgala Belilena (2) Gem mines in Rathnapura
(3) Ranchamadama Cemetry (4) Gravel layer belonging to the Iranamadu formation

4. The maintenance of village tanks in ancient times had been assigned to
(1) Gruhapathi. (2) Gamika. (3) Parumaka. (4) Mapurumaka.

5. What is the name used in inscriptions for the chief officer in charge of moulding coins in ancient Sri Lanka?
(1) Asa Adeka (2) Rupa Adeka (3) Nata Adeka (4) Hathi Adeka

● Answer questions **6** and **7** with reference to the following statements, *A*, *B*, *C* and *D*.

A – Appointment of the Minister, Rishigiri to rule the Jaffna region
B – Suppression of Chola power
C – Ascending to kingship after defeating provincial rulers
D – Tripitaka was committed to writing

6. What is the correct statement regarding king Pandukabhaya?
(1) *A* (2) *B* (3) *C* (4) *D*

7. What is the correct statement regarding king Vasabha?
(1) *A* (2) *B* (3) *C* (4) *D*

8. From among the following, what is known as "Thimbirige"?
(1) The place constructed for the delivery of babies
(2) The place where the conflicts were settled in the village
(3) The place used for religious activities
(4) The place where educational activities were conducted

9. Consider the following measuring units.

A – Gawwa *B* – Pela *C* – Yoduna *D* – Amuna

From among them, what is the answer which contains only the measuring units used to measure distance?
(1) *A* and *B* (2) *A* and *C* (3) *B* and *C* (4) *B* and *D*

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10. Different occupations which existed in ancient society are given in **Column I** and the names by which they were called in the inscriptions are given in **Column II**. When **Column II** is matched according to the order of **Column I**, what is the correct answer?

Column I	Column II
1. Teachers	*A* – Vohora
2. Doctors	*B* – Chitakara
3. Legal Experts	*C* – Acharya
	D – Veja

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

11. What is the food item used as a dessert by the people in ancient society?
(1) Kadi Embula (2) Orange juice (3) Bee honey (4) Sesame

12. What was the tax charged by the state for the cultivation in royal lands in ancient Sri Lanka?
(1) Kethi Ada (2) Dakapathi (3) Bojakapathi (4) Matheramajibaka

13. What was the inscription established by king Mihindu IV imposing punishments for animal killers in ancient society?
(1) Mihintala slab inscription (2) Anuradhapura slab inscription
(3) Wewelketiya inscription (4) Wessagiriya inscription

14. During which period of kingdom was the trilingual inscription in Galle established?
(1) Jaffna (2) Kotte (3) Kurunegala (4) Gampola

- Answer questions **15** and **16** with reference to the statements from *A* to *D*.

A – Arrival of Ibn Batuta, the Arab traveller in Sri Lanka
B – Conquest of Jaffna by sending an army under the leadership of Prince Sapumal
C – Translation of Pansiya Panas Jataka story book into Sinhala
D – Composing of Guttila Kavya, Loweda Sangarawa, Gira and Selalihini Sandeshaya

15. The statement related to the Kurunegala period is
(1) *A*. (2) *B*. (3) *C*. (4) *D*.

16. The statements that include information regarding the Kotte period is
(1) *A* and *B*. (2) *A* and *D*. (3) *B* and *C*. (4) *B* and *D*.

17. The names used by several kings of Sri Lanka before they become kings are given in **Column I** and the names used by them after they became kings are given in **Column II.** When **Column II** is matched according to the order of **Column I**, what is the correct answer?

Column I	Column II
1. Prince Kannasami	*A* – Mayadunne
2. Prince Tikiri	*B* – Rajasingha I
3. Prince Maha Asthana	*C* – Sri Wickrama Rajasingha
	D – Rajasingha II

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

18. From among the following, which statement expresses a feature of Renaissance art?
(1) Religious inclination of the works of art.
(2) Works of art have been launched by the names of their authors.
(3) Works of art were patronized solely by the church.
(4) Only the persons of religious importance had become the subjects of the paintings.

19. From among the following reasons, what is the answer that contains reasons for the collapse of the Jaffna Kingdom?

A – Power struggles among the heirs of the Jaffna Kingdom
B – Spread of Catholicism in the Jaffna area
C – Lack of an adequate standing army by the Jaffna rulers
D – Majority of the people of Jaffna became loyal to the Portuguese

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

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20. After the conquest of Constantinople by the Islamic Turks, the first European country which initiated a discovery of new sea route to Asia was
(1) Britain. (2) Holland. (3) Portugal. (4) France.

21. A major change that took place in society as a result of the Industrial Revolution was
(1) the spread of philosophies such as liberalism and socialism.
(2) the emergence of an import-export economic system in place of the traditional agricultural economic system.
(3) the emergence of multi-national companies.
(4) the emergence of a capitalist class and a proletariat.

● Answer questions **22** and **23** with reference to information given from A to F.

Invention	Industry
A – Flying shuttle	*D* – Coal
B – Roller machine	*E* – Textile
C – Safety Lamp	*F* – Iron and Steel

22. What is the answer that includes information about the invention of John K and the industry related to it?
(1) *A* and *D* (2) *A* and *E* (3) *A* and *F* (4) *B* and *E*

23. What is the answer that includes information about the invention of Humphry Davy and the industry related to it?
(1) *B* and *D* (2) *B* and *F* (3) *C* and *D* (4) *C* and *F*

24. What is the correct answer when the years of arrival of the following English envoys in the Kandyan Kingdom are arranged chronologically?
A – Hugh Boyd *B* – Robert Andrews *C* – John Pybus
(1) *A C B* (2) *B C A* (3) *C A B* (4) *C B A*

25. What is the main reason which led the British who arrived in India not to pay attention to Sri Lanka until the mid 18th century?
(1) The British did not have a clear notion about the importance of Sri Lanka.
(2) Sri Lanka being a small island compared to India.
(3) It was clear to them that the Portuguese and the Dutch were not able to conquer Sri Lanka completely.
(4) The British had not firmly established their power in India.

26. Who was the English Governor that implemented a new tax reform which was a cause of the struggle of independence in 1848?
(1) Fredrick North (2) Lord Torrington (3) Robert Brownrigg (4) Thomas Maitland

27. The missionary organisation which was engaged in religious propagation in the Jaffna area was
(1) American Missionary organization. (2) Baptist Missionary organization.
(3) Church Missionary organization. (4) London Missionary organization.

28. Which of the following is a service rendered by Walisinghe Harischandra during the Buddhist Renaissance?
(1) Taking steps to protect the sacred places in Anuradhapura
(2) Creation of the Buddhist flag
(3) Taking steps to protect Buddhist sacred places in India
(4) Taking steps to make the Wesak poya day a holiday

29. Several activities of the revivalist movement of Sri Lanka are given in **Column I** and several activists of the revivalist movement are given in **Column II**. When **Column II** is matched according to the order of **Column I**, What is the correct answer?

Column I	Column II
1. Translation of Periya Puranam	*A* – Mr. Ponnambalam Arunachalam
2. Establishment of the Ceylon National Congress	*B* – Arumuga Navalar
3. Reorganization of Madrasa schools	*C* – Mr. Ponnambalam Ramanathan
	D – Mr. Siddhi Lebbe

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

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30. Which of the following, was the economic reform proposal introduced by the Colebrooke reforms?
(1) Unification of Kandyan and low country areas
(2) Abolition of state monopoly of trade
(3) Establishment of Legislative and Executive councils
(4) Implementation of English language education

31. A social problem that arose as a result of the spread and development of plantations during the British period was
(1) the spread of the use of alcohol.
(2) the use of imported goods became popular.
(3) the weakening of indigenous agriculture.
(4) the spread of the use of money in place of the barter system.

32. Which of the following is the political party established after Sri Lanka gained independence?
(1) United National Party (2) Lanka Communist Party
(3) Sri Lanka Freedom Party (4) Lanka Sama Samaja Party

33. The person who initiated the farming settlement scheme in the dry zone is
(1) Mr. S.W.R.D. Bandaranaike. (2) Mr. N.M. Perera.
(3) Mr. Colvin R. de Silva. (4) Mr. D.S. Senanayake.

34. What is the first reservoir built under the Mahaweli Development project?
(1) Victoria reservoir (2) Rantambe reservoir
(3) Randenigala reservoir (4) Bowathanna reservoir

● Answer the question **35** with reference to the statements *A* and *B*.
A – Safeguarding the fundamental human rights
B – Discontinuation of constitutional links with the British empire

35. Regarding the Constitution of 1972
(1) only *A* is correct. (2) only *B* is correct.
(3) *A* and *B* are correct. (4) *A* and *B* are incorrect.

36. What is the answer which does **not** go along with the import substitution policy adopted by the government during the period 1970 – 1977?
(1) Production of local substitute goods for import goods
(2) Attraction of foreign capital investors to this country in order to develop industries connected with exports
(3) Development of large scale industries in the country by state intervention
(4) Development of indigenous domestic industries and small industries

37. The Secretary–General of the United Nations Organisation is appointed
(1) by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the Security Council.
(2) by the International Court of Justice.
(3) by the economic and social council.
(4) by the permanent members who enjoy veto power.

● Answer the questions from **38** to **40**, having taken into consideration the relationship between the first and the second in each couple given under *A*, *B*, *C* and *D*.

A – 1. Unification of Germany
2. World War I

B – 1. Axis Powers
2. France

C – 1. Nazism
2. Democracy

D – 1. World War II
2. League of Nations

38. What is the letter that includes the couple which indicates that the first was a reason for the beginning of the second?
(1) *A* (2) *B* (3) *C* (4) *D*

39. What is the letter that includes the couple which indicates that the second was destroyed with the development of the first?
(1) *A* (2) *B* (3) *C* (4) *D*

40. What is the letter that includes the couple which indicates that the first began as a result of the failure of the second?
(1) *A* (2) *B* (3) *C* (4) *D*

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மேலதிக வாசிப்பு நேரம் - 10 நிமிடங்கள்
Additional Reading Time - 10 minutes

Use additional reading time to go through the question paper, select the questions and decide on the questions that you give priority in answering.

Instructions:

* *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***.

Part I

1. (*a*) (i) Mark and name **all** the historical places given below on the map of Sri Lanka provided.

Colombo, Senkadagala, Galle, Kalpitiya town, Gal Oya reservoir, Jaffna town, Deduru Oya, Nuwara wewa, Mannar town, Trincomalee town, Kumbukkan Oya, Padaviya wewa (12 *marks*)

(ii) Mark and name **all** the historical places given below on the segment of the map of the world provided.

Burma, Calicut, Spain, Hiroshima, Strait of Malacca, Baltic sea (06 *marks*)

(*b*) (i) Write **in sequential order** in your answer script, the answers relevant to the questions indicated under *A*, *B*, *C* and *D*.

A - During whose reign was the Tripitaka committed to writing?
B - State the name of the first English Governor who was appointed to rule the maritime provinces of Sri Lanka.
C - Who invented the locomotive steam engine?
D - Who created Germany by uniting many small states? (04 *marks*)

- Study the pictures given under *A* and *B* and write the answers to the questions **in sequential order** in your answer script.

(ii) 1. What is depicted in picture *A*?
2. State the place where it was discovered.
3. What is the historical period to which it belongs?
4. What is the technological tool which is considered to have been used to make it?



A

(04 *marks*)

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(iii) 1. State the name of the king who is depicted in picture *B*.

2. What is the country which was ruled by this king?

3. What is the royal dynasty to which this king belongs?

4. What is the name of the palace where this king lived?



B

(04 *marks*)

Part II

2. (i) State the **three** outdoor camps in the coastal areas where the pre-historic man in Sri Lanka lived. (03 *marks*)

(ii) Write **two** features which could be found in the food style of the pre-historic man. (04 *marks*)

(iii) Describe **two** changes that took place in the life of man during the proto historic era. (05 *marks*)

(iv) Explain **three** features which found in the village settlements of early historic era. (06 *marks*)

3. (i) Royal succession in ancient Sri Lanka

(*a*) Mention **two** instances where the succession of kingship passed from father to son,

(*b*) **one** instance where the succession of kingship passed from brother to brother, **in sequential order**. (03 *marks*)

(ii) From among the names given in brackets, select and state **in sequential order** the names of the kings who are related to each information given below from *A* to *D*.

A - Demarcation of village boundaries of the island for the first time.
B - Sending a mission to Rome in order to bring glass beads for a religious offering for the Ruwanweliseya.
C - Systematization of administration by dividing this country into provinces for the first time.
D - Living under the protection of his security officer, "Sithnarubim Budal Na" in his childhood.

(Dutugemunu, Vasabha, Devanampiyatissa, Pandukabhaya, Mahasen, Vijayabahu I, Parakramabahu I, Bhatikabhaya) (04 *marks*)

(iii) Describe **two** historical events that took place during the reign of Devanampiyatissa. (05 *marks*)

(iv) Explain with reference to **three** facts the service of king Dutugemunu. (06 *marks*)

4. (i) State **three** tanks which are provided with water by the Elahera canal. (03 *marks*)

(ii) Write **four** main components of a tank. (04 *marks*)

(iii) (*a*) State the **two** places which produce information about the existence of iron leaching technology in ancient Sri Lanka. (02 *marks*)

(*b*) Describe briefly the manner in which iron was leached in those places. (03 *marks*)

(iv) Explain with reference to **three** facts the existence of an excellent town and park designing technology in Sigiriya. (06 *marks*)

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5. (i) Write **three** parts to which land had been divided, based on ownership and tenure, in the Kandyan Kingdom. (03 *marks*)

(ii) State **two** challenges faced by Vimaladharmasooriya I, soon after he came to power. (04 *marks*)

(iii) Describe under **two** facts the manner in which the provincial administration was conducted in the Kandyan Kingdom. (05 *marks*)

(iv) Explain the importance of the reign of Keerthi Sri Rajasingha with reference to **three** facts. (06 *marks*)

6. (i) State the **three** kingdoms which existed in this country at the time of the arrival of the Portuguese. (03 *marks*)

(ii) State **two** reasons that led to the failure of Portuguese invasions of Kandy. (04 *marks*)

(iii) Describe with reference to **two** facts the relations of the Portuguese with the Kotte Kingdom. (05 *marks*)

(iv) Explain **three** important features of the policy followed by the Dutch towards the Kandyan Kingdom. (06 *marks*)

7. (i) State **three** provinces from among the provinces into which Sri Lanka was divided according to the Colebrooke Reforms. (03 *marks*)

(ii) Write **two** demands put forward by the Sri Lankan middle class regarding constitutional reforms at the beginning of the twentieth century? (04 *marks*)

(iii) Describe with reference to **two** facts the executive committee system established under the Donoughmore constitution. (05 *marks*)

(iv) Explain briefly the following elements introduced by the Soulbury constitutional reforms:

A - Governor–General
B - Bicameral legislature
C - Prime Minister and the Cabinet (06 *marks*)

Part III

8. (i) Name **three** philosophers who presented philosophies which influenced the French Revolution. (03 *marks*)

(ii) State the immediate cause that led to the outbreak of following events **respectively**.

(*a*) the American War of Independence
(*b*) the French Revolution (04 *marks*)

(iii) Describe **two** results of the French Revolution. (05 *marks*)

(iv) Explain **three** changes that took place in Russia after the Russian Revolution. (06 *marks*)

9. (i) Name **three** countries which belonged to the defeated party of World War I. (03 *marks*)

(ii) State the immediate cause which led the United States of America to join the following World Wars **respectively**.

(*a*) World War I
(*b*) World War II (04 *marks*)

(iii) Describe with reference to **two** facts the manner in which the conduct of Japan influenced World War II. (05 *marks*)

(iv) Explain **three** results of World War II. (06 *marks*)

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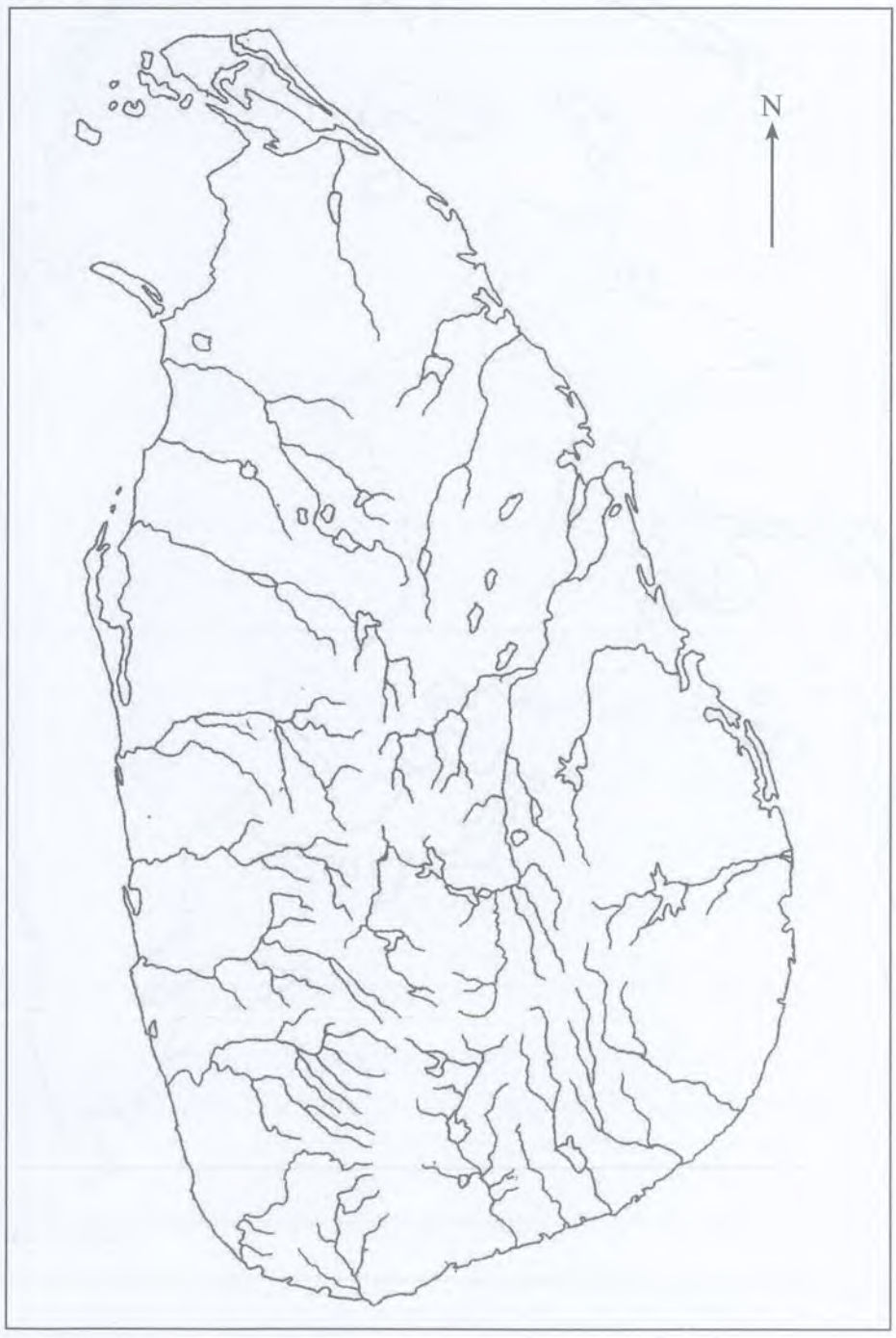
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