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ADVANCED CERTIFICATE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES
LEVEL I (SEMESTER I) – 2023/2024
FINAL EXAMINATION
DSC1811: MODERN HISTORY OF SRI LANKA
DURATION: THREE HOURS (3 HOUR)



Date: 02.12.2023

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Instructions

- **Answer five (5) questions only.**
 - **Each question carries equal marks (20 marks).**
 - **Limit your answer to a maximum of three pages.**
 - **Please write in legible handwriting.**
1. "Sri Lanka's modern historiography is not issue free." Discuss with relevant examples.
 2. "Studying colonies is not enough to govern them. Colonizers set up modern institutions such as **missionary education, universal suffrage, western medical system and parliament** (all developed in Europe) in colonies to govern them." Discuss the above statement in relation to Sri Lanka's colonial history under the British.
 3. Discuss the interrelationship between a state's population and its economic policies by focusing on the period of the introduction of the liberal economic policy to Sri Lanka.
 4. "Even prior to the colonial period, Sri Lanka constituted a rich technological history." Describe the evolution of Sri Lankan technology from ancient to modern times.
 5. Compare and contrast the closed economic policy introduced by Sirimavo Bandaranaike and the open economic policy introduced by J.R. Jayawardena.
 6. "Non-state actors played a significant role in the post-independent Sri Lanka." Do you agree or disagree? Support your stance with relevant examples.
 7. Discuss the influence of colonial rule on identity formation by describing the changes of the lives of Sri Lankan women during the British rule.

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8. Write short notes on **two (02)** of the following topics:

- a. History and Historical.
- b. Colonialism vs. Imperialism.
- c. Features of the free education system in Colonial Ceylon.
- d. Social media and Sri Lankan politics.
- e. Introduction of the printing press and literary developments in modern Sri Lanka.

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