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SSF 1301 - MODERN HISTORY OF SRI LANKA

DURATION – THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 08th October 2007

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Answer five (05) questions only. Select at least one (01) from each part.
Each question carries 20 marks.

PART I

1. Briefly discuss the causes and the outcomes of the Renaissance and Religious Reformation that took place in Europe after 14th century.
2. Write an essay on the economic, political and social changes that occurred in Sri Lankan society as a result of the intervention of the Portuguese as the first foreign invaders in Sri Lankan polity.
3. Discuss the similarities and dissimilarities of the characteristics of Portuguese rule and Dutch rule in the regions under their control during their tenures in Sri Lanka.

PART II

4. Explain the evolution of the Kandyan Dynasty since the inception of the Kandyan Kingdom with special reference to the steps taken by each king to secure the Kingdom from three foreign invaders since 1505.
5. It is a well established fact that up to the beginning of the 16th century, Sri Lanka possessed a self sufficient economic system. Explain the characteristics of this system with examples
6. (a) Explain the reasons behind the upcountry riots in 1818 and 1848, and,
(b) highlight the major administrative changes made by the British as a result of the above riots.

PART III

7. What is the meaning of dual economic system? Explain how the Sri Lankan economy turned to a dual economy after introduction of plantation agriculture.
8. Write short notes on **three (03)** of the following topics.
- (a) Adigar Pilimatalawe
 - (b) Robert Brownrig
 - (c) Grain Tax system in Sri Lanka
 - (d) Laissez- Fair and British Colonial rule in Sri Lanka
 - (e) Utilitarianism
9. Introduction of road and rail transportation under the British rule had a major impact on the traditional social system and the traditional economic system of Sri Lanka. (Especially in the upcountry areas). Comment with examples.

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