THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL STUDIES
CERTIFICATE IN SOCIAL SCIENCES – LEVEL I (2007/2008)
FINAL EXAMINATION
SSF 1301 - MODERN HISTORY OF SRI LANKA

DURATION – THREE (03) HOURS

Date: 27th September 2008 **Time: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.**

Answer five (05) questions only. Select at least one (01) from each part.

PART I

1. (i) Name four (04) factors that influenced Renaissance in Europe (04 marks)
   (ii) Name two (02) religious leaders and two (02) scientists who emerged during the sixteenth century in Europe. (04 marks)
   (iii) Explain the effects of the Renaissance. (12 marks)

2. (i) What factors influenced the Portuguese to come to the East? (06 marks)
   (ii) Discuss the political condition in Sri Lanka during the arrival of the Portuguese. (06 marks)
   (iii) Explain the social and cultural impact of Portuguese rule in the maritime provinces of Sri Lanka. (08 marks)

3. (i) Discuss briefly the social and economic conditions of the Kandyan kingdom in the 17th and 18th centuries. (10 marks)
   (ii) "The chaotic political situation in the Kandyan Kingdom in 1815 made easy for the British to conquer it without much difficulty". Discuss. (10 marks)

PART II

4. Answer the questions given below based on the 1818 rebellion.
   (i) The causes for the rebellion. (05 marks)
   (ii) Quelling of the rebellion by British. (05 marks)
   (iii) Effect of the rebellion. (10 marks)

5. (i) What are the main features of the Colebrook-Cameroon reforms of 1833? (08 marks)
   (ii) Discuss the influence of the Colebrook-Cameroon reforms on the rebellion of 1848. (12 marks)

6. (i) Explain the main features of the agricultural and trade policies of the Dutch. (10 marks)

(ii) Explain the nature of the relationship that existed between the Kandyan rulers and the Dutch. (10 marks)

PART III

7. (i) What are the chief characteristics of the plantation economy of Sri Lanka? (08 marks)

(ii) Explain the socio-economic effects of the development of plantation agriculture in Sri Lanka. (12 marks)

8. (i) What factors led to the construction of roads and railways in Sri Lanka? (08 marks)

(ii) Explain the economic effects of the development of transport in Sri Lanka. (12 marks)

9. Write short notes on any **two (02)** of the following topics.

(i) Dual system of administration
(ii) Roman Dutch Law
(iii) The Waste Land Ordinance of 1840
(iv) Bentham and utilitarianism

(20 marks)

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