

University of Colombo- Faculty of Arts
Third Year Examination in Arts Semester II- 2017/2018

HIS 3266 - Sri Lanka in the Premodern Times

Duration: Two (02) hours

Answer any three (03) questions

1. 'Decline of Polonnaruwa Kingdom marked a decisive discontinuity in the historical development of the Premodern Sri Lanka'. Examine this statement.
2. Answer both questions.
 - a). What are the fundamental characteristics of the demographic formation that emerged in the island after thirteenth century?
 - b). What are the historical factors that led to this new demographic formation?
3. Answer both questions.
 - a). What are the centripetal and centrifugal forces that were in operation in the island from thirteenth to sixteenth centuries?
 - b). What shape did these forces give to the political formations of the time?
4. Discuss the structural features of the caste formation that prevailed in the Western, Southern and Central Hill country regions of Sri Lanka with special reference to the historical forces that led to this caste formation.
5. Explain the rise and fall of the Kotte Kingdom.
6. To what extent is the history of the kingdom of Jaffna important in understanding the history of Sri Lanka after thirteenth century?