

University of Colombo
Faculty of Arts
First Year Examination in Arts- Semester I- 2018

HIS 1101- Introduction to History

Two (02) Hours only

Answer Three (03) questions only

1. 'Historical inquiry raises serious epistemological issues.' Examine this statement.
2. Discuss why the difference between objective knowledge and subjective knowledge is considered to be of utmost importance in relation to the historical inquiry.
3. Discuss the new orientation in the "Western Historical Thought" in the nineteenth century and its social and intellectual background.
4. Examine the manner in which the "nineteenth century historical thought" was questioned by the new trend in historical inquiry in the twentieth century.
5. Why is a critical approach required in handling sources of information for historical inquiry?
Answer this question with reference to the sources of history of Sri Lanka.
6. Write a critical essay on the evolution of the 'modern historiography in Sri Lanka'.

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