

University of Colombo
Faculty of Arts
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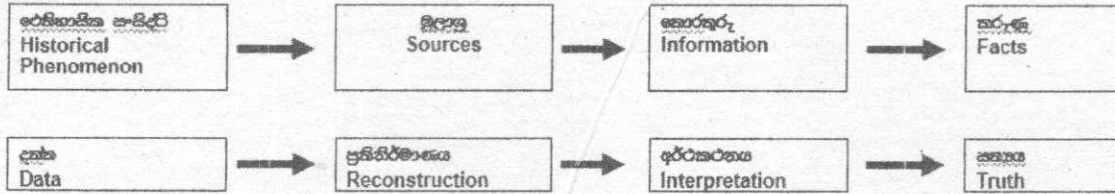
HIS 1101- Introduction to History

Two (02) Hours only

Answer any Three (03) questions

1. Examine the specificity of historical knowledge with special attention to its 'double incompleteness'.
2. How important is the difference between subjective knowledge and objective knowledge in relation to the historical knowledge? Discuss

3.



Explain the problem of the reconstruction of the past in terms of this diagram.

4. Answer following questions with reference to the sources used in the reconstruction of the early history of Sri Lanka.

What is 'source criticism'?

Why does 'source criticism' important in historical inquiry?

5. What is the 'Nineteenth Century idea of History'?
What is the background that shaped its formation? Discuss.
6. Write short notes on any two (02) of the following topics.
 - a. Michelangelo's sculpture 'David'
 - b. Renaissance
 - c. G.W.F. Hegel
 - d. New History
 - e. Subaltern Studies