

University of Colombo
Faculty of Arts
First Year Examination in Arts- Semester I- 2019/2020

HIS 1101- Introduction to History

Two (02) Hours only

Answer Three (03) questions only

1. 'History will absolve me.' Write an essay on the nature of historical knowledge with reference to this statement by Fidel Castro.
2. To what extent could the knowledge that is produced through historical inquiry be considered objective knowledge?
3. Discuss the importance of source criticism for historical inquiry.
4. Explain the historical phenomena 'Renaissance' and 'Enlightenment', and discuss how they influenced the 'Nineteenth century historical thinking'.
5. Discuss the impact of 'French Annals School', British 'History from below' movement and Indian 'Subaltern Studies' project on the historical inquiry.
6. Write a critical essay on the present enthusiasm in Sri Lanka on historical knowledge.

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