

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO –SRI LANKA
FACULTY OF ARTS
FIRST YEAR END EXAMINATION IN ARTS
SEMESTER I – 2023/2024
HIS 1101 – Introduction to History

Two (02) Hours Only

Answer (03) three questions only

1. Explain:
 - A. What is past?
 - B. The difference between a professional historian and a non-professional historian in dealing with the 'past'.
2. Discuss:
 - A. Why cannot historians be 100% objective in writing history.
 - B. What is subjectivity in history writing?
3. Discuss why history is a social necessity.
4. Discuss the difference between primary and secondary sources in terms of the problems of using sources for historical inquiry.
5. Assess the contribution of the below named historians to develop history as a scientific discipline
 - A. Vico
 - B. Ranke
 - C. Fernand Braudel
6. Write an essay on how modern historiography of Sri Lanka evolved according to socio political changes over time.
