University of Colombo – Sri Lanka Faculty of Arts

First Year Examination in Arts - Second Semester - 2023/2024

HIS 1202 – Sri Lanka and World History Two (02) Hours

Answer any Three (03) questions

- 1. Discuss the theories of decline and collapse of civilizations with reference to Anuradhapura and Polonnaruwa kingdoms.
- 2. Explain the Fernand Braudel's approach in understanding a civilization in terms of geographical, sociological, economic and psychological dimensions.
- 3. How scholars have challenged the traditional notion of Medieval Europe as 'Dark age'. Examine.
- 4. How did salonnières, contribute to the intellectual and political discussions of the Enlightenment? Critically examine their role.
- 5. Discuss Frantz Fanon's ideas on decolonization.
- 6. Write notes on any two (02) of the following.
 - (a) External trade relations in Anuradhapura period
 - (b) Feudalism
 - (c) Colonialism
 - (d) Montesquieu
