

**University of Colombo- Faculty of Arts**

**Second Year Examination in Arts Semester I- 2018**

**HIS 2137- History of Colonialism I**

**Duration: Two (02) hours**

**Answer three (3) questions including the question no.1**

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01. Discuss the interventions of the European powers at the Indian Ocean in the beginning of the 16<sup>th</sup> century and its historical background.
02. Discuss the various phases of the expansion of Portuguese power in Sri Lanka.
03. Evaluate the ways in which Portuguese power in Sri Lanka affected the indigenous people and how they responded to the Portuguese power.
04. Examine the military engagement between Rajasinghe II, Portuguese and the Dutch in the 17<sup>th</sup> century.
05. Examine the manner in which the policy of the Dutch administration in Sri Lanka towards cinnamon affected the peasant society of the Western wet zone in the 18<sup>th</sup> century.
06. a). What were the unique features that the Dutch administration in Sri Lanka followed in administering its subjects?  
  
b). To what extent those steps were different from the traditional modes of administering subjects in Sri Lanka?
07. 'The British administration in Sri Lanka until 1833 is more or less a continuation of the Dutch administration.' Do you agree with this statement? Substantiate your answer.