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Question Paper – I ,II (English Medium)



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8. Some inscriptions are mentioned in column I and some information about them in column II. What is the correct answer when column II is matched with column I?

Column I	Coloumn II
1 Muthugalla Inscription	A- Thuladara Sumana
2 Mandagala Inscription	B- Thathawaya
3 Veherakema Inscription	C- Majjima the black smith
	D- Datika Sumana

(1)A,B andC

(2)A,B and D

(3)C,Aand B

(4)C,B and D

9. Which ancient source confirms that the profession of dancing had an important place in past society?

(1) Mahavamsaya

(2) Samantapasadika

(3) Medagama Vihara inscription

(4) Nattukanda inscription

10. Parts of a stone wall found in the excavation of Kitulgala Beli lena, a prehistoric settlement in Sri Lanka, confirm that,

(1) Wattle and daub houses were built.

(2) That they lived in artificial rock caves

(3) That they lived in huts.

(4) That the place of residence is suitably arranged.

11. Which of these answers shows the two units used to measure long distances by ancient Sri Lankans ?

(1) Yoduna and Gauva

(2) Atom and Yoduna

(3) Anu and Thajjari

(4) Gauva and Thajjari

• Read the statements from A to E below carefully and answer questions 12 and 13.

A - An inscription in the Colombo Museum mentions as Kirigeri.

B - Mentioning of a dessert called Thila Sangulika.

C – Mentioning of two hundred golden pots being offered to a temple called Weerankura.

D – Mentioning of three paddy cultivation seasons in the past.

E –Mentioning of punishments for crimes such as theft and murder.

12. Which answer shows two facts about King Kasyapa IV?

(1) A and B

(2) A and C

(3) B and D

(4) D and E

13. Which answer shows information about the Thonigala inscription?

(1) A and C

(2) B and D

(3) C and D

(4) D and E

14. The tax charged by the government for fishing in canals was,

(1) Mataramajibaka.

(2) Bojakapati.

(3) Kethi Ada.

(4) Dakapati.

15. From which country were some of the beads in the bead necklace found in the ancient cemetery of Ibbankatuwa imported?

(1) Rome

(2) Egypt

(3) India.

(4) China

16. Who was the last ruler of the Anuradhapura period?

- (1) Kassapa V (2) Vasabha (3) Sena II (4) Mahinda V

17. Which of the following is a false statement about the Gampola kingdom?

- (1) The existence of two noble families related to the royal family (2) Ibn Battuta's visit to Lanka
(3) The invasion of Chandrabhanu (4) The existence of several regional administrative centers

18. Which of the following books was written during the Kotte period?

- (1) Selalihini Sandeshaya (2) Rasavahiniya
(3) Sidath Sagarawa (4) Dalada Siritha

19. Several kings who ruled Sri Lanka are listed in Column I, and some important events that occurred during their reigns are listed in Column II. Select the correct answer when Column II is matched with Column I?

Column I	Column II
1 King vijayabahu the first	A-rebellion of the Vanni leaders
2 King vijayabahu the third	B – having matrimonial relationships with the Pandya Kingdoms
3 King Buvanekabahu the sixth	C - Renovation of the Kelani temple
	D- Suppressing of the rebellion called “Sinhala Sangaya”

- (1)A,B and D (2)A,C and D (3)B,Cand D (4)C,A and D

20 Who assisted King Seethawaka Rajasinghe in invading the Kandyan Kingdom

- (1) Weerasundara Bandara. (2) Yamasinghe Bandara.
(3) Karaliyadde Bandara. (4) Jayaweera Bandara.

21. In which battle did Portuguese Captain General Pero Lopez de Sousa die?

- (1) Mulleriyawa (2) Danture (3) Balana (4) Gannoruwa

22. Who first stated that the planets of the solar system move in elliptical orbits around the Sun?

- (1) Nicolaus Copernicus (2) Galileo Galilei (3) Johannes Kepler (4) Johannes Gutenberg

• Answer question 23 using statements A and B below.

A – Obtaining the support of the Zamorin ruler of Calicut

B – Transferring the royal inheritance to the Portuguese through a deed of gift

23. Regarding King Dharmapala of Kotte,

- (1) A and B are true. (2) A and B are false.
(3) A is true and B is false. (4) A is false and B is true.

24. By the 18th century AD, the leading European country in trade and commerce were:

- (1) Britain. (2) France. (3) Portugal. (4) Spain.

25. Which of the following inventions from A to D shows only the inventions related to the iron and steel industry during the Industrial Revolution?

A. - Mule machine B. - Roller machine C. - Open oven method D. - Steam engine

(1) A and B (2) A and C (3) B and C (4) C and D

26. Which queen gave permission to the East India Company to trade in Asia?

(1) Victoria I (2) Victoria II (3) Elizabeth I (4) Elizabeth II

27. What was the main reason for the distance between the governing authority and the people under the Madras rule in the coastal areas of Sri Lanka?

- (1) Separate administration of the upcountry and the low country
- (2) Bringing in officials from Madras for administrative purposes
- (3) Appointment of a governor representing the British government
- (4) Rebellion of the coastal people against the British

28. Which of the following statements is true about the Kandyan Declaration of 1818?

- (1) It was issued during the tenure of Governor Thomas Maitland
- (2) This declaration is known as the Kandyan treaty
- (3) Appointment of a Resident Officer to govern the Kandyan areas
- (4) Reduction of the powers of the Kandyan nobles

29. Who started the “Lankabhinawa Vishrutha” Printing House?

(1) Missionaries (2) Buddhists (3) Hindus (4) Islamics

30. Who is the person associated with the following events?

- Presenting a new way of thinking by giving public lectures
- Providing articles for the Maha Bodhi magazine
- Pioneering the establishment of Buddhist schools

(1) Henry Steel Olcott (2) Piyadasa Sirisena
(3) Walisinghe Harischandra (4) Anagarika Dharmapala

31. The constitutional reform that allowed the Constituent Assembly to elect representatives by franchise for the first time was,

(1) Colebrook Cameron. (2) Crewe McCallum.
(3) Manning Devonshire. (4) Donoughmore.

32. Who among the following leaders of the Indian independence movement was the first to visit Sri Lanka and address the people?

- (1) Jawaharlal Nehru (2) Surendranath Banerjee (3) Bal Gangadhar Tilak (4) Bipin Chandra Pal

33. The cultivation of cinnamon and pepper in Sri Lanka for export was first started by,

- (1) Sri Lankans. (2) Portuguese. (3) Dutch. (4) British

34. Which crop was introduced by the British but failed due to its success only in Matale district and the additional cost of providing shade?

- (1) Cinchona (2) Tea (3) Rubber (4) Cocoa

35. Which Sri Lankan Prime Minister resigned from office due to a “Harthal” movement led by the Left parties due to the increase in the prices of rice and food items?

- (1) D.S. Senanayake (2) Dudley Senanayake
(3) S. W.R.D. Bandaranaike (4) John Kotelawala

36. Which tank was supplied with water by the first stage of the Mahaweli Development Project?

- (1) Parakrama Samudra (2) Kantale Tank (3) Minneriya Tank (4) Kandy Tank

37. What was the first industrial Zone in Sri Lanka?

- (1) Ratmalana (2) Ekala (3) Koggala (4) Katunayake

• A pair of statements is given below under A, B, C and D. Carefully examine the relationship between the first and the second and answer questions 38 to 40.

A – 1. French Revolution

B – 1. Sugar Act

2. Boston Tea Party

2. Stopping the illegal trade

C – 1. Ownership of land by the aristocracy

D – 1. Maintaining security and peace in the world

2. Feudal social system

2. League of Nations

38. Which pair shows no relationship between the first and the second?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C (4) D

39. Which pair states that the first is a characteristic of the second?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C (4) D

40. Which pair states that the second is a purpose of the first?

- (1) A (2) B (3) C (4) D

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 Additional Reading Time - 10 minutes

Use additional reading time to go through the question paper, select the questions and decide on the questions that you give priority in answering.

* Question No. 1 in Part I is compulsory.

* Answer **four** questions from Part II and **one** question from Part III.

* The total number of questions to be answered is **six**.

Part I

1. (a) (i) Mark and name **all** the historical places given below on the map of Sri Lanka provided.

Deduru Oya, Padaviya Tank, Kotmale Reservoir, Godawaya, Kotte, Sigiriya, Ibbankatuwa

Jaffna, Kalpitiya, Kaluganga, Paduwasnuwara, Koneshwaram

(12 marks)

(ii) Mark and name **all** the historical places given below on the world map provided.

Sumatra, Red Sea, Genoa, Calicut, Spain, Hiroshima

(06 marks)

(b) (i) Write your answers to the questions given under A, B, C and D below **in the order** indicated on the answer sheet.

A - Who is the author of the travelogue Deshtana Report, a description of Buddhist kingdoms?

B - Who was the king who bestowed the title of Sangharaja on Venerable Weliwita Saranankara Thero?

C - who introduced the sheep breeding system during the Industrial Revolution?

D - Who was the first minister of Mahaweli Development project?

(04 marks)

• Study the pictures given under A and B and write the answers in order on your answer sheet.

(ii) 1. Who is the person represented in picture A?

2. What nationality is he?

3. What country did he live in?

4. Read a book written by him

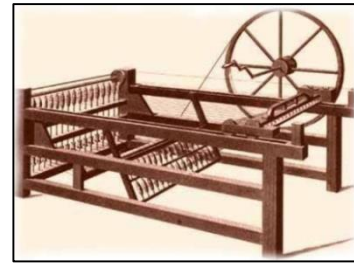


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- (iii) 1. What is the machine shown in Figure B?
 2. What is the industry associated with it?
 3. What is the function performed by it?
 4. Who is its inventor?

(04 marks)



B

Part II

2. (i) Name **three** coastal outdoor camps of the southern semi-arid region where prehistoric man lived. (03 marks)
- (ii) Name **two** rituals of prehistoric man related to dead bodies. (04 marks)
- (iii) Explain **two** systematic burial systems that existed in the proto historic period. (05 marks)
- (iv) Describe **three** characteristics that can be seen in settlements in the early historic period. (06 marks)
3. (i) Name **three** concepts of state used by the kings of ancient Sri Lanka. (03 marks)
- (ii) Name **two** objectives that influenced the construction of tank systems by ancient people. (04 marks)
- (iii) Explain the importance of the period of King Vasabha with **two** facts. (05 marks)
- (iv) Explain with **three** examples that ancient people lived in co-existence. (06 marks)
4. (i) Name **three** tanks fed by the Elahera Canal. (03 marks)
- (ii) Answer the following questions.
- A - The area where evidence of the existence of the Kirimandu Shanthikarma in ancient Sri Lanka is found
- B - The device that used wind power to ignite the iron smelting furnaces in the Dehigaha Elakanda area
- C - The place where a fragment of a gold plate with twenty-one floral carvings was found
- D - Name of the birthplace of King Parakramabahu- I, known in the past (04 marks)
- (iii) Explain **two** measures taken by ancient rulers to improve the medical facilities of the people. (05 marks)
- (iv) Explain with examples **three** areas where ancient kings implemented laws and regulations. (06 marks)
5. (i) Name **three** independent ruling units emerged after the Kalinga Magha invasion in 1215 AD. (03 marks)
- (ii) Name **two** reasons that led to the collapse of the Polonnaruwa Kingdom. (04 marks)
- (iii) Explain using **two** facts the importance of the reign of Parakramabahu II. (05 marks)
- (iv) Describe **three** characteristics that can be seen in the economic pattern of the Second Urbanization Period.

(06 marks)

6. (i) Name the **three** British governors who governed Sri Lanka until 1815 AD. (03 marks)
- (ii) Name **two** reasons why the port of Trincomalee became important to the British. (04 marks)
- (iii) Describe **two** of the three stages the British controlled the coastal area of Sri Lanka. (05 marks)
- (iv) Describe **three** reasons why the rebellion of 1818 AD originated. (06 marks)
7. (i) Name **three** constitutional reforms introduced by the British in Sri Lanka. (03 marks)
- (ii) Name **two** proposals introduced through the Colebrooke Constitutional Reforms (04 marks)
- (iii) Explain **two** social changes that occurred due to British rule in Sri Lanka. (05 marks)
- (iv) Explain **three** measures taken by the governments formed after independence to develop agriculture in Sri Lanka. (06 marks)

Part III

8. (i) Name **three** famous painters during the Renaissance. (03 marks)
- (ii) Name **two** reasons that led to the Renaissance. (04 marks)
- (iii) Describe **two** reasons that led to the success of the Europeans in their search for new sea routes. (05 marks)
- (iv) Explain **one change each** that occurred in Sri Lanka in the political, economic, social and cultural spheres due to the Renaissance. (06 marks)
9. (i) Name **three** European countries that established colonies in Asia and Africa. (03 marks)
- (ii) Write the answers to the questions from A to D below, choosing from the brackets.
- A - The Crown Prince of Austria who was assassinated in Sarajevo
- B - The country that was punished by the Treaty of Versailles
- C - The Republic that came to power in Germany after the First World War
- D - The name used for German parliament (04 marks)
- (Weimar, Franz Ferdinand, William II, Italy, Reichstag, Germany)
- (iii) Describe **two** results of the Second World War. (05marks)
- (iv) Explain **three** crises that were resolved through the intervention of the United Nations Organizations. (06 marks)

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