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**MILITARY HISTORY OF SRI LANKA**  
**(MSSS 3123)**

**Instructions to Candidates:**

Answer five (05) questions

Each question carries twenty (20) marks

Total marks: 100

Duration: Three (03) hours

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1. “Historical record is nothing but a record full of war campaigns”. Evaluate this statement by giving emphasis to the sources available in Sri Lanka to study Military History of the island.
  2. Examine the importance of a scientific approach to study Military History - by giving special reference to the Mahawamsa record of Prince Dutugamunu’s war against King Elara - to inculcate peace and understanding among all ethnic groups in Sri Lanka.
  3. Describe the historical significance of the campaign of Prince *Kitti* and his efforts to expel Chola empire from Rajarata.
  4. What are the salient features of the war strategy used by Vijayabahu I in the campaign against Cholas?
  5. Discuss the strategic value of the following overseas campaigns of Polonnaruwa Period.
    - a. Myanmar Campaign
    - b. Pandya Campaign
  6. Highlight the salient features of the following battles to establish the supremacy of Sitavaka:
    - a. Battle of Mulleriyawa
    - b. Siege of Kotte
  7. Write an essay on “ideology and the rituals related to warfare in Sri Lanka”.
  8. Write short notes on the following:
    - a. Wars fought in Kandy
    - b. Weapons used in Sri Lanka’s ancient, medieval and colonial Warfare
    - c. Forts and stockades in Sri Lanka
    - d. *Vijayaba Kollaya*

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