

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA  
 INFORMATION STUDIES UNIT  
 FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES  
 BA (HONS) IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES  
 FINAL EXAMINATION – 2024/2025  
 LEVEL 5 (SEMESTER II)  
 HSU5305: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW



**DURATION: THREE (03) HOURS ONLY**

**Date: 02.03.2025**

**Time: 9.30 am.- 12.30pm.**

**Instructions**

**Answer only five (05) questions**

**All questions carry equal marks**

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| 1. | i.   | Explain the history of copyright in Sri Lanka in detail.   | 10 marks |
|    | ii.  | Summarize the evolution of the concept of copyright in the world.  | 10 marks |
| 2. | i.   | Name four (04) types of Intellectual Property.   | 02 marks |
|    | ii.  | Explain the difference between tangible and physical property given under Intellectual Property Rights with examples.              | 06 marks |
|    | iii. | 'Intellectual Property plays a vital role in the day-to-day life of every person' prove this statement supporting examples.        | 12 marks |
| 3. | i.   | What is derivative work? Explain with examples.  | 04 marks |
|    | ii.  | Discuss the duration of copyright protection by the law for the following cases,   |          |
|    |      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• single authorship,</li> <li>• joint authorship and</li> <li>• sound recording.</li> </ul> | 06 marks |
|    | iii. | Describe in detail the rights of the producers of the sound recording.   | 10 marks |

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| 4. | i.   | Provide an authorized definition for 'fair use'.   | 02 marks |
|    | ii.  | 'According to the copyright law some works can be reproduced without getting permission from the owner, for the purpose of teaching and learning'.Name five possible works and describe each of them.    | 18 marks |
| 5. | i.   | 'Librarian plays different roles as a copyright protector'. Prove this statement explaining five (5) roles with examples.  | 10 marks |
|    | ii.  | 'Everyone is affected by copyright, whether the owner of the copyright or user of the material.' Discuss this statement supporting examples.   | 10 marks |
| 6. | i.   | What are the legal aspects that should be considered by the Librarian when signing a licensing agreement to purchase e-materials.  | 08 marks |
|    | ii.  | Legal agreement should be signed between 2 parties to get the licenses to use e-materials. Describe what are the legal aspects of getting licenses.  | 12 marks |
| 7. | i.   | Introduce what is Right to Information Act   | 02 marks |
|    | ii.  | Discuss five benefits of the Right to Information Act for information seekers.   | 08 marks |
|    | iii. | According to the Right to Information Act there are 2 key positions, such as designated officer and information officer. Describe in detail the roles of the designated officer and information officer. | 10 marks |
| 8. | i.   | Define 'censorship' using authorized definition  | 03 marks |
|    | ii.  | Explain difference between prior and post censorship giving examples.  | 05 marks |
|    | iii. | "The relationship between Librarian and Censorship is and has been a troubled one" describe the statement supporting examples.   | 12 marks |

9. Write short notes on any four (04) of the topics given below

- I. Role of the librarian as a manager
- II. Right to information
- III. Labour theory
- IV. Media censorship
- V. Patent
- VI. NIPO

4x5=20 marks