

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAMME
FINAL EXAMINATION – 2024 / 2025
LLU 3261 / LWU 1161 – UNDERSTANDING LAW
DURATION – TWO (02) HOURS



DATE : 03rd December 2024

TIME : 9.30 a.m – 11.30 a.m

Total Number of Questions : (06)

Answer four (04) Questions only.

Each question carries 25 marks.

Candidates will be penalized for illegible hand writing.

01.(I) Select the appropriate court that has jurisdiction to hear the cases below. Give reasons for your answer.

- (a).Amal and Meena married recently. After marriage, Amal found that Meena has developed an extra marital relationship with another man. Therefore, Amal wants to divorce meena.
- (b). Arjun was caught of stealing a mobile phone worth of 30,000 /= from ABC mobile shop.The shop owner wants to file a legal action against Arjun.
- (c). Senuri is a social activist, deals with rights of persons with disabilities. She learnt that the recently issued new regulation by the government,has excluded the differently abled community from government job opportunities. Senuri wants to challenge the regulation.

(05 x 3 = 15 marks)

(II).Explain five Jurisdictional power of Supreme Court of Sri Lanka with appropriate examples.

(10 Marks)

02.(a) What do you understand by the term " Fundamental Rights" ? Explain

(06 Marks)

(b) What are the fundamental rights guaranteed under the 1978 constitution of Sri Lanka.

List out the rights with examples.

(09 Marks)

(c) "The constitution is therefore regarded as one of the most important safeguards against arbitrary and unfair action by the state against individuals."

Introduction to Constitutional Law, Session 04, Understanding Law 1, Unit 1, 2001, Open University of Sri Lanka , p.20

Discuss the above statement with reference to basic concepts in constitutional Law.

(10 Marks)

03. (a) Discuss the differences between offer and Invitation to treat.

(07 Marks)

(b) Explain the remedies available for a breach of Contract.

(08 Marks)

(c) Discuss whether valid contract had been created under the following situations.

i. Aruna promised his wife Anju that he would pay her a monthly allowances of Rs. 20,000 when he leaves the country. Aruna is employed in India. However he refuses to pay Anju.

ii. Meena promises her friend to sell a vehicle which she has stolen from kamal.

(05 x 2 = 10 Marks)

04. Vishal is a regular customer at a neighbourhood grocery store called " Vita Mart." He visits the store every week to purchase household essentials. Vishal noticed that the price of his favourite brand of fresh milk. "Puremilky" had increased significantly compared to his last purchase. The marked price for a one-liter bottle of "Puremilky" fresh milk was Rs.600/-. However, Vishal remembered buying the same bottle for Rs.400/- just seven days ago. Upon further examination, he noticed that a new sticker was pasted on the originally marked price. Vishal found that, Ms.Upekha, the store manager, had changed the price tag of the old stock with a new price tag to gain undue profit. Since Vishal identified those malpractices, Ms.Upekha refused to sell any items to him and asked him to leave the store immediately. Vishal informed Ms.Upekha that he would be lodging a complaint with the Consumer Affairs Authority.

(a) Identify five main rights that Vishal entitled to as a consumer in the given scenario.

(15 Marks)

(b) Discuss the duties of the commissioner under the Consumer Affairs Authority Act No.09 of 2003.

(10 Marks)

05. (a) Select any two statutes dealing with the welfare of employees and discuss the objectives of each statute.

(10 Marks)

(b) Arun is an employee at " BG Holdings." He works as a store keeper and his working conditons are as follows.

- A store room is given to complete his task
- He was required to sign the attendance register.
- He received a monthly Payment.

Recently, Arun received a letter from " BG Holdings " stating that his service was no longer required.

Do you think Arun can obtain any Legal remedy ? Advise with relevant statutory provisions.

(15 Marks)

06. Write brief notes on any Five (05) of following topics.

- (i) Illegal Contracts
- (ii) Doctrine of Separation of powers
- (iii) Sources of Law
- (iv) Termination of an offer
- (v) Collective agreements
- (vi) Classification of Constitution

(05 x 5 = 25 Marks)

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