THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA LL.B. DEGREE PROGRAMME - LEVEL 4 CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT TEST II - 2006/2007

FAMILY LAW-LWU 2313

DURATION: 40 MINUTES



DATE: 07th November 2006 TIME: 3.00 p.m. – 3.40 p.m.

ANSWER ONE QUESTION ONLY.

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O1. Ranjan, who is a carpenter, had married Vijitha under the General Law. Vijitha is a graduate teacher in a government school. The couple lived in their own house. They have two sons named Kamal, who is 21 years old and studying in the Technical College, and Sankha, who is 14 years old and a student in an International School in Nugegoda.

In year 2000 Ranjan developed an affair with a women in Velioya, and deserted Vijitha and children. He refused to send money to them.

Vijitha decided to file a maintenance case against Ranjan to claim maintenance for herself, and their two children Kamal and Sankha.

Discuss rights and liabilities of all parties under,

- a) The Maintenance At. No. 37 of 1999.
- b) The Maintenance Ordinance No. 19 of 1889.
- c) The Muslim Law.
- 02. "If, from the language used in any letter a promise to marry can be gathered that letter may provide a basis for an action for the breach of promise to marry".

Critically evaluate this dictum with reference to case law.

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