

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
LL.B. DEGREE PROGRAMME - LEVEL 4
CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT TEST I – 2006/2007
CRIMINAL LAW – LWU 2312
DURATION : FOURTY MINUTES



DATE : 04th September 2006

TIME : 1.30 p.m. – 2.10 p.m.

ANSWER ONE QUESTION ONLY.

Illegible handwriting will be penalized.

01. “The concept of Mens-rea is an all embracing principle which is applicable both to the offences in the Penal Code and other statutes as well”

Would you agree with this statement?

Discuss with reference to provisions in the Penal Code and relevant decided cases.

02. What defences, if any, are available to X, Y and Z in the following situations?
Discuss with reference to decided cases and relevant statutory provisions.

- a) X, a volunteer in the armed forces, on the instructions issued by his commanding officer, shoots an innocent and unarmed civilian.
- b) Y, when charged with violating traffic laws relating to pillion-rider, pleads that he was unaware that a prohibition on pillion – riding was in operation.
- c) Z, a child of 11 years, walks in to a shop and steals a toy pistol.

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