

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA  
FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES  
INFORMATION STUDIES UNIT  
BA DEGREE IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES  
FINAL EXAMINATION LEVEL 5 (SEMESTER II) – 2018/2019  
HSU5305 – INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW



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

**Date: 14<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

**Time: 9.30.am – 12.30pm**

**Instructions:**

- Answer only **five (05)** questions.
- All questions carry equal marks.

1. a. Explain the main factors that caused emergence of the concept 'ownership' (10 marks)  
b. Describe the process of obtaining patents in Sri Lanka (10 marks)
2. a. List down the major land marks in the evolution of the concept of 'Copyright' (10 marks)  
b. Describe briefly the copyright history in Sri Lanka (10 marks)
3. a. Name different categories of intellectual property (05 marks)  
b. Explain the importance of protecting intellectual property (15 marks)
4. a. List five key features of the Right To Information Act (05 marks)  
b. Describe the role of the information officer as stipulated in the Right To Information Act (05 marks)  
c. Discuss how Right To Information Act is useful to the general public in obtaining specific information (10 marks)
5. a. Discuss the importance of licensing for subscribing electronic resources for libraries (10 marks)  
b. Discuss the merits and demerits of perpetual access for e-books (10 marks)

6.
  - a. Discuss the three main roles played by the librarian (5 marks)
  - b. Explain the role of the librarian as a copyright protector giving examples (15 marks)
  
7.
  - a. Describe briefly what is fair use (03 marks)
  - b. Explain, how the reproduction facilities are permitted under fair use (05 marks)
  - c. Discuss the responsibilities of the librarian in using fair use provisions when serving users (12 marks)
  
8.
  - a. Explain censorship history in Sri Lanka (08 marks)
  - b. Discuss how a librarian would involve in censorship activities when engaging in collection development activities in the library (12 marks)
  
9. Write short notes on any four (04) of the following topics (5 marks each)
  - a. Internet censorship
  - b. NIPO
  - c. Open licensing
  - d. WIPO
  - e. Derivative work
  - f. Economic rights

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