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Time: 11.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Number of Questions – 02

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Answer ONE (01) question only

1. ".....It seems to us that where the unlawful application of force and the eventual act causing death are parts of the same sequence of events, the same transaction, the fact that there is an appreciable interval of time between the two does not serve to exonerate the defendant from liability....."

Lord Lane CJ in *R Vs Le Brun* (1991) 3 WLR 653

Critically examine the validity of the above statement with reference to the theory of causation and its application in criminal law. You are expected to cite relevant case law and appropriate examples to support your answer.

(20 marks)

2. "...Thus, in Sri Lanka, private defence is available in respect of all offences against the person and certain specified offences against property....."

(Peiris G.L, *General Principles of Criminal Liability in Sri Lanka; A Comparative Analysis*, p299, Colombo, Lake House Investments Ltd.)

Discuss the scope of the right of private defence in light of the above statement citing case law and statutory provisions which regulate the exercise of the defence.

(20 marks)

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