

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
 INFORMATION STUDIES UNIT
 BA IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES
 FINAL EXAMINATION – 2023/24
 LEVEL 5 (SEMESTER II)
 HSU5305-INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW



DURATION: 3 hours

Date: 03.02.2024

Time: 9.30am-12.30pm

Instructions

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Answer only five (05) questions
 All questions carry equal marks

1. i. Summarize the evolution of the concept of the copyright in the world (5 marks)
 ii. There are various duplicating methods available with modern technology.
 Describe how those modern technologies can be used in libraries to duplicate the original text in serving the library users without violating the copyright law
 (Describe with five (05) examples) (15 marks)
2. i. Explain what is copyright ownership (2 marks)
 ii. Write four (04) tangible properties of IP (2 marks)
 iii. State four (04) intangible properties of IP (2 marks)
 iv. Write two (02) geographical indications of IP (2 marks)
 v. 'Intellectual property is all around us and help us to engage in our daily work'.
 Discuss this statement with four (04) examples. (12 marks)
3. There are two (02) types of rights given to authors by the copyright law, as Economic and Moral rights.
 i. Explain, what is Moral right given to author by the copyright law with 03 examples (6 marks)
 ii. Describe, how Economic right will help to increase the new publications to the society giving examples. (14 marks)

4. i. "Librarian plays different roles as a copyright protector", Explain four roles with examples. (10 marks)
- ii. Suppose that you have been appointed as a Librarian in your institution, explain how do you inform to your library users about the copyright matters related to the library services? (10 marks)
5. i. What is a license?, describe. (2 marks)
- ii. Explain, what is Open license (2 marks)
- iii. Write 04 categories of open licenses (4 marks)
- iv. Describe two (02) challenges in open licensing (6 marks)
- v. Discuss two (02) challenges faced by the librarians when getting licenses for the e-materials? (6 marks)
6. i. Write brief description on 'Censorship history in Sri Lanka'. (4 marks)
- ii. Describe, what is Military censorship giving examples? (4 marks)
- iii. Do you think that censorship is necessary in modern society? Give your answer for or against with examples. (12 marks)
7. i. What is Fair use? Define (4 marks)
- ii. 'The copyright act of Sri Lanka allows reproducing materials under fair use'. State four (04) works that can be reproduced according to the copyright act. (4 marks)
- iii. State four (04) works that are not allowed to reproduce by the copyright act. (4 marks)
- iv. 'Libraries are enriched with copyrighted materials'. As a Librarian how do you allow users to use those materials without violating copyright? (8 marks)

8. i. 'Any information cannot be requested through Right to Information Act - 2016.
Prove this statement with examples (10 marks)
- ii. Explain the role of the Information Officer according to Right to Information Act when providing requested information? (10 marks)
9. Write short note on any of four (04) of the following
- i. Original works
 - ii. National Intellectual Property Office (NIPO)
 - iii. Utilization theory
 - iv. Right to Information Act
 - v. Internet censorship
 - vi. World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) (5x4=20 marks)