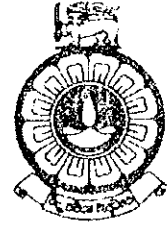


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LLB (HONOURS) DEGREE PROGRAMME – LEVEL 03  
CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT TEST II – 2023/2024  
INTERPRETATION OF STATUTES AND DOCUMENTS - LLU 3406  
DURATION – ONE HOUR



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DATE: 09.01.2025

TIME: 1.30 P.M – 2.30 P.M

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Total No. of Questions: 02

Answer ONLY ONE (01) question.

Candidates will be penalized for illegible handwriting.

1. The organizing committee of the International Law Conference of the National Law League has invited you to be a speaker. The subtheme for the discussion is designed as “Opening up avenues through Constitutional Interpretation.”

Focusing on the Living Constitution approach, prepare your speech to be presented at the session. You should prepare your analysis using minimum of **two** relevant cases as illustrations.

(20 marks)

2. Section 2 of the Reduction of Student Nuisance (Local Authority) Act No. 02 of 2020 states that, “It shall be an offence to organize a party at a student residence after 11.00 p.m during weekdays.”

Dheer, a second-year student and a member of the Student Union, organized a discussion group around 10.30 p.m on a Friday with his friends. Many friends of Dheer came around the hostel, and the discussion developed into a debate covering political beliefs. Dheer ordered pizza and soft drinks, and the meeting came to an end around 12.45 a.m. Mashi who helped Dheer in cleaning the premises before leaving dropped a tray of glasses that smashed on the floor making a large noise. Roopa, who lived next door, was awakened by the sound. She complained to the police who investigated the matter and subsequently charged Dheer under Section 2 of the Act.

Dheer seeks your advice.

Advise Dheer with reference to relevant traditional rules of statutory interpretation. Your explanation must be supported with case law examples.

(20 marks)

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