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DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL STUDIES  
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CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT TEST II- 2022/23  
LLU3601 LEGAL SYSTEM AND LEGAL HISTORY OF SRI LANKA  
DURATION: ONE (01) HOUR

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Total number of questions: 02

Answer ONE (01) question only.

Candidates will be penalized for illegible handwriting.

01. Assume that you have been appointed as a member representing Sri Lanka to a committee appointed for the purpose of compiling a report on the history of legal systems in the South Asian sub-continent. You are supposed to prepare a brief report on the history of the legal system of Sri Lanka with reference to the pre-colonial and colonial periods.

Prepare your report by providing the relevant examples of laws and institutions that prevailed in pre-colonial and colonial periods in Sri Lanka.

**(20 Marks)**

02. "When the statutory provisions on the reception of English law are unclear, it was necessary to refer to judicial evolution of law."

Basnayake J in *Malliya Vs Ariyaratne* (1962) 62 N.L.R 121 at p.127

In light of the above statement discuss the reception of English law into Sri Lankan legal system through judicial decisions.

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