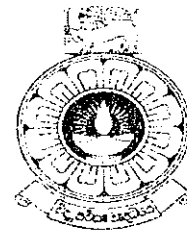


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CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT TEST 11- 2023/2024
LLU 4608 – CRIMINAL LAW
DURATION- 1 HOUR



DATE: 11th of December 2024

TIME: 09.30 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.

Answer ONE question only

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1. "Every crime consists of two basic elements called as '*actus reus*' and '*mens rea*'. The proof of those two elements is essential for the establishment of criminal liability in Sri Lanka."

Do you agree with the above statement?

In light of the above statement discuss the applicability of the '*mens rea*' concept to the offences in the penal code and other penal legislations in Sri Lanka.

Support your answer with the relevant statutory provisions and case law.

(20 Marks)

2. "The causal connection between an accused person's positive acts or omissions and the guilty mind would be broken by various factors. It is essential to analyze those factors to establish criminal liability against the accused person."

Do you agree with the above statement?

with reference to the above statement discuss the importance of the theory of causation in establishing criminal liability in Sri Lanka.

Support your answer with the relevant statutory provisions and case law.

(20 Marks)

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