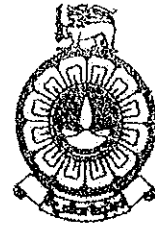


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DURATION – 01 HOURS



Date: 03.01.2025

Time: 9.30am -10.30am

Total number of questions – 02

Answer ONE (01) question only.

Candidates will be penalized for illegible handwriting.

(1) (a) The thesis of cultural relativism argues that rights are relative to the culture, and therefore the very idea of universal human rights is flawed. Explain the cultural relativist argument with two examples of your preference, taken from history or contemporary debates on human rights. (10 Marks)

(b) Take a stance on whether human rights should be universally applied or should be interpreted through the lens of cultural relativism. Justify your answer. (10 Marks)

(2) Discuss why the emergence of international criminal law should be considered as an important development from a human rights point of view. You should substantiate your answers by appropriate examples. (20 Marks)

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