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General instructions

1. Read all instructions carefully before answering the questions.
2. This question paper consists of **six (6)** questions in **three (3)** pages.
3. Answer **04 (Four)** questions only.
4. All questions carry 25 marks.
5. Answer to each question should commence on a new page.
6. This is an Open Book Test (OBT).

1. "Law is similar to a living tree, with many branches that govern society and various roots from which it gains its strength."

Referring to the above statement, answer the following questions.

- i. Discuss any two different classifications of law, with suitable examples.
(10 Marks)
 - ii. Explain the functions of the law in society.
(05 Marks)
 - iii. Select two sources of law and explain how they contribute to the development of law.
(10 Marks)
- (10+5+10=25 Marks)

2. Answer the following questions.

- i. Isuru and Heshani traveled to Galle and decided to stay at a hotel located in Galle. At the reception, they were required to pay the room charges, and after completing the payment, they were given access to their room. Upon entering the room, they noticed a notice stating, "**The hotel staff is not responsible for valuables that are lost or stolen.**" After three days, when they were preparing to leave the hotel, Heshani discovered that her gold necklace had been stolen from the room. Isuru and Heshani wish to sue the hotel.

Advise them.

(10 Marks)

- ii. Jayamal is a car salesman at a used vehicle sales company in Colombo. Sunil, a buyer, requested information about a car, and Jayamal stated that it was in good condition and had never had any engine problems. Relying on this statement, Sunil purchased the car. After one month, Sunil discovered that the car had major engine issues that existed prior to the sale. Sunil now wishes to vitiate the contract.

Advise him.

(15 Marks)

(10+15= 25 Marks)

3. "Consumer protection law exists to balance the power between traders and consumers, ensuring fairness and trust in the marketplace."

Critically evaluate this statement, supporting your answer with relevant statutory provisions.

(25 Marks)

4. Didula Textiles (Pvt) Ltd is a garment factory in Colombo employing 120 workers. All workers are paid monthly and are assigned to work only on weekdays. Over the past three months, the management has required workers to work on weekends without overtime pay. Additionally, the factory has not provided proper protective equipment to workers handling chemicals, and several employees have started experiencing skin irritation and breathing difficulties. Recently, the factory terminated the service of two employees without notice, claiming they had raised complaints about the working conditions.

- i. Identify and explain three labour law violations that may be occurring in this scenario under Sri Lankan law.

(15 Marks)

- ii. Suggest one practical legal or administrative action the affected workers can take to address each of the issues mentioned.

(10 Marks)

(15+10 = 25 Marks)

5. A new factory has been built near a residential area. Over the past few months, residents have noticed that the factory discharges colored liquid into a nearby river. Local people report foul smells, fish deaths, and unusual algae growth. The factory claims it has obtained permits but has not made them available to the community.

- i. Based on the above scenario, identify and name two potential violations of environmental law in Sri Lanka that may be occurring. **(10 Marks)**
- ii. Explain two important concepts in environmental law that are relevant to protecting rivers and local communities in Sri Lanka. **(10 Marks)**
- iii. List five important environmental protection Acts, Ordinances, or Conventions that are applicable in Sri Lanka. **(5 marks – 1 mark each)**

(10+10+5 = 25 Marks)

6. Write short notes on the following:

- i. Valuable Consideration and *Justa Causa*
- ii. Strict Liability
- iii. Rule of Law
- iv. Writ jurisdiction of the Court of Appeal
- v. Right to Information Act

(5+5+5+5+5= 25 Marks)

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