

**THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAMME
FINAL EXAMINATION 2025 / 2026
LLU 3261 / LWU 1161 – UNDERSTANDING LAW
DURATION – TWO (02) HOURS**



DATE: 06th January 2026

TIME: 1.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.

Total Number of Questions: 06

Answer only four (04) Questions

Each question carries 25 marks.

Candidates will be penalized for illegible handwriting.

01. (I) Select the appropriate court that has jurisdiction to hear the cases below. Give reasons for your answer.

- (a). Saman was arrested by the police for a minor offence. While he was in police custody, he was beaten and verbally abused by police officers. He believes that he was subjected to cruel and degrading treatment by a state authority and wishes to take legal action.
- (b). Kanthi and Nimal have been married for 5 years. They now want to be legally separated and make arrangements regarding child custody and maintenance.
- (c). Sameera stole a wallet from a crowded bus while the owner was distracted. The bus conductor reported the incident to the authorities.

(05 x 3 = 15 Marks)

(II) Explain five jurisdictional powers of Supreme Court of Sri Lanka with appropriate examples.

(10 Marks)

02. (I). “The constitution is considered as the supreme law of the country.” Discuss this statement with reference to basic concepts in constitutional law.

(10 Marks)

(II). What are the fundamental rights guaranteed under the 1978 Constitution of Sri Lanka? Briefly explain with relevant examples.

(15 Marks)

03. (I). “Every person has freedom to enter into contract. But the law restricts certain persons not giving them full contractual capacity.” Briefly discuss this with reference to the capacity of parties to contract.

(10 Marks)

(II). Discuss the differences between Offer and Invitation to treat.

(07 marks)

(III). Explain the remedies available for a breach of contract.

(08 Marks)

04. (I). Rashmi runs a small shop called "QuickMart." Last week, several customers had problems at her store. She refused to sell sugar and cooking oil, even though they were available, saying she was "saving them for special customers." She also charged Rs.1,500 for a bottle of cooking oil that was marked at Rs.1,200. Rashmi kept large amounts of rice and wheat in her storeroom and did not sell them, creating a shortage. There was no price list displayed in the shop, and customers did not get receipts for their purchases. She also advertised a cleaning product as "completely safe for all surfaces," even though it could damage some materials.

With reference to the above scenario, Identify and explain the offences Rashmi committed under the Consumer Affairs Authority Act No.09 of 2003.

(15 Marks)

- (II). Discuss the duties of the commissioner under the Consumer Affairs Authority Act No.09 of 2003.

(10 Marks)

05. (I). Discuss the different types of employment with suitable examples.

(10 Marks)

(II). Nadeesha provides receptionist services to a private company called "Sunrise Services (Pvt) Ltd." She works at the company office during fixed working hours decided by the management and is required to follow instructions given by the office manager regarding her daily duties. The company supervises her work closely and decides how and when her tasks should be performed. Nadeesha uses the company's equipment, records her attendance every day, and is paid a fixed monthly amount. However, the company claims that Nadeesha is not an employee but an independent contractor.

Based on the above facts, discuss whether Nadeesha's work arrangement amounts to a contract of employment or a contract for employment.

(15 Marks)

06. Write brief notes on any Five (05) of following topics.

- (i) Sources of Law
- (ii) English Law
- (iii) Restrictions on fundamental rights
- (iv) Termination of the offer
- (v) Rights of consumers
- (vi) Exemption Clauses in Contracts

(05 x 5 = 25 Marks)

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