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LL.B DEGREE PROGRAMME - LEVEL 3
1st CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT TEST -2006/2007
INTRODUCTION TO THE LAWS OF SRI LANKA - LWU 1411
DURATION - 40 MINUTES



Date: 5th September 2006

Time: 10.00 a.m. – 10.40 a.m.

Answer ONE question only.

Illegible handwriting will be penalized.

- (1) "The early colonial policy of the British rulers was to apply their laws to local inhabitants and they didn't give effect to Dutch statutes promulgated during the Dutch period".

Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer.

- (2) Bala was born in Trincomalee to Tamil parents in 1976. When he was 7 years old, his parents moved to Jaffna, and he had his school education there. He left school at 18 and worked and resided at his uncle's restaurant in Kandy. In 1998, Bala married Geetha a receptionist in the same restaurant. After marriage, they lived in a house in Kandy that was gifted to them by Geetha's parents. Bala regularly sent money to his parents and visited his parents in Jaffna once in two months. He invested a part of the income he received from his job in a finance company in Jaffna. In 2000, Bala bought a new house in Jaffna and asked his parents to live in the new house that he bought until he settles down in Jaffna in the near future.

As the couple constantly quarreled with each other, in 2001 Bala left his wife and came to live with his parents in Jaffna. Geetha took up residence in their matrimonial home in Kandy. In 2002, Bala acquired a building and started a restaurant in Jaffna. Bala suddenly died in 2005.

His parents wish to know which law applies to Bala. Advise them.