

**THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA**

**LL.B. DEGREE PROGRAMME – LEVEL 5**

**SECOND CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT TEST 2007**

**ENVIRONMENTAL LAW- LWU 3314/4334**

**DURATION - 40 MINUTES**



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Date: 14<sup>th</sup> December 2007

Time: 10.00 a.m. – 10.40 a.m.  
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**Answer ONE question only.**

- 1 Environmental Impact Assessment, as a national instrument, shall be undertaken for proposed activities that are likely to have a significant adverse impact on the environment and are subject to a decision of a competent national authority'.

[Principle 17 of the Rio Declaration (1992)]

Critically explain to what extent environmental impact assessment is undertaken as a national instrument in Sri Lanka.

- 2 Extta and Veeta are two of the highly commercialised cities of State of Grinita. The distance between the two cities is 60 kilometres. The Ministry of High ways of the State of Grinita has suggested to construct a highway connecting the cities of Extta and Veeta. The State of Java has agreed to facilitate with finance to implement the said project. Large numbers of people are residing within the area which comes under the proposed highway project. Environmental impact assessment has not been carried out for the project. Mr. Peter is a resident of the said area and comes to know while watching a television interview that the construction is going to be underway within a month. When Peter realises that his area is going to be affected by the proposed highway project, he seeks legal advice from you in relation to the legal action/s available.

Advice Peter assuming that the law of the State of Grinita is similar to Sri Lankan law

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