

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
LL.B DEGREE PROGRAMME - LEVEL 3
1ST CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT TEST - 2008/2009
CONSTITUTIONAL LAW 1 - LWU 1201
DURATION - 40 MINUTES



Date: 29th September 2008

Time: 09.30 a.m. – 10.10 a.m.

Answer **ONE** question only.

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1. "The circumstances in which a break with the past and the need for a fresh start come about vary from country to country, but in almost every case in modern times, countries have a constitution for the very simple and elementary reason that they wanted, for some reason, to begin again ..."

Michael Allen, Brian Thompson and Bernadette Walsh, *Cases and Materials on Constitutional and Administrative Law*, (2nd London: Blackstone 2002), p.8.

Explain the above statement with reference to the idea of break in the legal continuity, which is one of the assertions of the principle of autochthony.

2. Critically analyze the basic features of the Donoughmore Constitution 1931-1947.

OR

Write notes on the following.

1. Unitary and Federal States.
2. Constitutionalism.
3. Classification of Constitutions.