

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
LL.B. DEGREE PROGRAM – LEVEL III
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INTRODUCTION TO THE LAWS OF SRI LANKA - LWU 1411
DURATION – FORTY MINUTES



Date: 26th November 2008

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 10.10 a.m.

Answer **ONE** question only.

Candidates will be penalized for illegible handwriting.

- (1) "Due to their allegiance to the English Law, during the colonial period of English rule certain judges gave different reasons in order to justify their application of English Law instead of Roman Dutch Law."

Discuss this statement with reference to judicial attitudes towards Roman Dutch Law during the period of British colonial administration.

- (2) Devan was born in 1965 to Tamil parents, who lived in Galle. After the ethnic riots in 1983, parents of Devan went to Jaffna with him and settled there. Devan was admitted to a school in Jaffna. In 1985 he entered the University of Peradeniya. Having completed his university education he joined the a leading finance company in Vavuniya as a Manager .In 1995 Devan married Kamalani a Tamil girl in Vavuniya. After the marriage they lived in his parental house in Jaffna. By the marriage they had only one child who was named Geetha. In 1998 after Geetha was born Devan resigned from his job and left Jaffna. He came to Colombo and joined an Insurance Company as manager (human resources). He went to Jaffna to see his family and he regularly sent money to them. He decided to take his family to Colombo and he bought a small house in Dehiwala. In 2001 he sold his all property in Jaffna. In 2003 Geetha was admitted to a leading girl's school in Colombo. In 2008 Devan suddenly died in motor accident in Bambalapitiya while going to office.

Kamalani consults you as to whether Devan is governed by Tesawalamei or General Law.?

Advise her.