

THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
LL.B DEGREE PROGRAMME - LEVEL 3
1st CONTINUOUS ASSESMENT TEST - 2008/2009
LEGAL METHOD - LWU 1412
DURATION - 40 MINUTES



Date: 30th September 2008

Time: 11.00 a.m. – 11.40 a.m.

Answer **ONE** question only.

Candidates will be penalized for illegible handwriting.

1. "Since access to legal material is of great importance for the smooth functioning of the legal process, inadequate access to such material has adversely affected this process in Sri Lanka"

Critically analyze the validity of the above statement, supporting your answer with suitable examples.

2. The land of Hollow Wood is internationally famous for its films especially action movies. Most buildings in the land with unique architectural features are used to shoot scenes of fist fights and gun battles, leading to damage being caused to many buildings.

The parliament building of Hollow Wood is a national heritage site of unique historic and architectural value and it is visited by sightseers throughout the year. Therefore, in order to protect it and similar buildings from damage by film crews the parliament of Hollow Wood passed the Protection of Historic Sites Act. Section 10 of the Act states that 'No film stars or camera crews shall enter buildings listed as historic buildings, including parliament, except for sightseeing purposes'.

Hot Shot a famous film star who acts in action movies, and has been a figure noted for often causing damage to buildings during his scenes was recently elected to the parliament of Hollow Wood. He arrived for the opening session of parliament dressed up like the hero of his latest movie, with many cameramen following him to video the proceedings.

The security officers at the parliament are uncertain about whether they should prevent Hot Shot and the cameramen from entering parliament and seek your advice on the matter. Assuming that the rules of interpretation applicable in Hollow Wood are similar to those of Sri Lanka, advise the security officers. Illustrate your answer with suitable case law.