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LL.M IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION
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LWP2101 – PENAL THEORY
DURATION: 03 HOURS

DATE: 25th May 2014

TIME: 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Total No. of Questions : 06

Answer four (04) questions only.

Candidates will be penalized for illegible handwriting.

01. Critically evaluate the respective merits and demerits of classical theories of crime causation and its applicability in the context of Criminal Law in Sri Lanka.
02. Do you think the existing rehabilitation methods in Sri Lanka help reduce the rate of juvenile delinquency? If not; what are your recommendations to develop the present system?
03. Discuss the main features of the concept of restorative justice and its applicability in the punishment system in Sri Lanka.
04. Critically analyze the existing prison system in Sri Lanka. Assuming you as a criminologist, what suggestions you would like to make to improve the prison system of the country?

05. The presence of wide disparity in sentencing for similar offences undermines the natural justice and it leads to a failure of the whole criminal justice system in Sri Lanka.

Do you agree?

Give reasons for your answer in the light of sentencing policy and guidelines.

06. Are there any human behaviours that are currently criminalized but should be decriminalized in Sri Lanka?

Discuss in the light of the socio-legal aspect of crime including the definition of crime and its characteristics.

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