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FINAL EXAMINATION – 2015/2016
LWP 2101 – PENAL THEORY
DURATION – 03 HOURS



Date : 21.05.2017

Time: 09.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Total number of questions 7

Answer FOUR (04) questions only. Each question carries 25 marks

Candidates will be penalized for illegible handwriting.

1. Critically evaluate the importance, as well as the respective merits and demerits, of the theories of crime causation in positivists school of criminology and explain how those theories are useful in devising crime prevention strategies to reduce the increasing crime rate in a society.
2. Do you think that the imposition of the death penalty will cause to reduce the rate of the capital crimes? Critically evaluate the death penalty, as a recognized mode of punishment in the penal laws of Sri Lanka in light of the theories of punishment.
3. Critically evaluate, in light of the penal laws of Sri Lanka, the rehabilitation theory of punishment and analyze whether the theory and practice of imprisonment serve the main idea of rehabilitation and the objectives of criminal justice administration in the country.

4. 'Law relating to juvenile justice in Sri Lanka focuses on the best interest and well-being of the child as well as the protection of the rights of the child who is in conflict with the law'.

Discuss critically the above statement with reference to relevant domestic statutory provisions and international standards.

5. The law of criminal justice in Sri Lanka gets developed to recognize and protect the rights the offenders and treat them in dignified manner even though they have committed antisocial and criminal activities'.

Evaluate the above statement with the support of relevant international standards declared in respect of protection of the rights the offenders.

6. Critically evaluate suspended sentence and community based corrections as available forms of community corrections and explain as to what extent that these two methods of sentence are successful in reducing the re-conviction and recidivism rate in a given society.
7. Explain the three main approaches of reaction to crime and discuss the merits and demerits of informal reactions to crime.

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