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FINAL EXAMINATION – 2017/18
OPEN BOOK TEST
LWJ3160/LLJ3360 – INTRODUCTION TO THE LAWS OF SRI LANKA
LEVEL 3
DURATION – TWO (02) HOURS

DATE: 15th February 2019 **TIME: 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.**

Candidates will be penalized for illegible handwriting

Total number of questions 06

Answer FOUR (04) questions only

1. Describe the hierarchy of courts in Sri Lanka and the jurisdiction of each court. (25 marks)

2. Prepare an article for a newspaper on the legal framework in Sri Lanka on settlement of industrial disputes. (25 marks)

3. (i) Explain the differences between civil law and criminal law with examples. (10 marks)

   (ii) Define terms 'substantive law' and 'procedural law'. (05 marks)

   (ii) What do you mean by "sources of law?" (10 marks)

4. (i) Explain 'offer' and 'acceptance' in relation to the formation of a contract. (10 marks)

   (ii) Discuss the validity of the following contracts.

   a) Kasun had published an advertisement on a newspaper to sell his valuable land in Colombo. Soon after the advertisement was published, he received a number of telephone calls threatening him to sell the land to Piyal, a well-known businessman. Kasun finally decided to sell the land to Piyal, at a lower price due to the threats his life.

b) Kusum who is a 16 year old girl makes an offer to Jayanthi to sell her computer for Rs. 80,000 and Jayanthi accepts the same and buys the computer. After Jayanthi brings the computer home, she finds that it is out of order.

c) Jagath collects antique items as a hobby. He meets Ranjan, who promises to steal a valuable antique statue from a museum and Jagath gives him Rs. 50,000/- as an advance. However, Ranjan does not honor his promise and refuses to return the advance payment as well.

(05x3 = 15 marks)

5. (i) Identify three legal systems operating in Sri Lanka and briefly explain their application. (15 marks)

(ii) What is called "Supremacy of Parliament"? Explain (07 marks)

(iii) Do you think supremacy of parliament is important in a democratic state? Explain (03 marks)

6. Write notes on the following topics.

i. Termination of employment (10 marks)
ii. Termination of contract (10 marks)
iii. Classification of Constitution (05 marks)

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