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General instructions

1. Read all instructions carefully before answering the questions.
2. This question paper consists of Six (6) questions in Three (3) pages.
3. **Answer four (04) questions only.**
4. Each question carries 25 marks.
5. Answer for each question should commence from a new page.
6. This is an Open Book Test (OBT).

Question 01

a. *Law is important for a society as it regulates the behavior of its members.*

Do you agree with the above statement? Briefly explain. (5 Marks)

b. Explain the difference between personal laws and territorial laws with examples.

(10 Marks)

c. Identify the hierarchy of courts in the legal system of Sri Lanka.

(5 Marks)

d. Parliament of Sri Lanka proposes to enact a new Constitutional Amendment Bill intended to increase the powers of the President.

Upul, a social activist, believes that the proposed Amendment Bill is inconsistent with the Constitution and wishes to challenge its constitutionality before it is enacted into law.

Advise Upul on the relevant court of law in which he should file the action.

(5 Marks)

Question 02

a. What are the requirements for the formation of a legally valid contract?

(5 Marks)

b. All natural persons possess contractual capacity.

Do you agree with this statement? Discuss your answer, highlighting any exceptions recognized under the law.

(10 Marks)

c. Explain the difference between an offer and an invitation to treat with legal examples.

(10 Marks)

Question 03

a. What is meant by 'valuable consideration' as a requirement for a legally valid contract.

(5 Marks)

b. Fernando, an elderly client, consults his lawyer, Perera, regarding the sale of his property. Perera strongly advises Fernando to sell the property to her nephew at a price much lower than its market value, assuring him that it is in his best interest. Feeling pressured and trusting her professional advice, Fernando signs the sale agreement.

Examine the validity of the contract in the light of the vitiating factors of contract.

(10 Marks)

c. Discuss the requirements for a legally valid exemption clause. Support your answer with relevant legal examples.

(10 Marks)

Question 04

a. Explain the remedies available to an injured party under contract law when the other party breaches a contract?

(10 Marks)

b. Silva purchases a new delivery van from ABC Motors after informing the seller that the vehicle is required for transporting perishable goods over long distances. The seller assures Silva that the van is brand new, fuel-efficient, and suitable for long-distance transportation.

After two weeks of use, Silva discovers that the van consumes excessive fuel and is not suitable for long-distance travel due to recurring mechanical issues. However, the van is still capable of being driven for short distances.

Silva wishes to know whether this amounts to a breach of a condition or a warranty. Advise him with reference to relevant legal principles and examples.

(15 Marks)

Question 05

a. What are the main regulatory bodies established under the Consumer Protection Authority Act No. 9 0f 2003?

(5 Marks)

b. Explain the difference between compulsory arbitration and voluntary arbitration as methods of resolving industrial disputes.

(10 Marks)

c. Identify and explain two (02) statutes in Sri Lanka that provide for the social security of employees. Your answer should be supported by relevant legal examples.

(10 Marks)

Question 06

a. What is meant by the 'Polluter Pays Principle' as a key concept in Environmental Law? (5 Marks)

b. Briefly explain how private nuisance differs from public nuisance under the law.

(10 Marks)

c. Explain how the Right to Information is protected as a Fundamental Right under the Sri Lankan legal framework, with legal examples.

(10 Marks)

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