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BA HONOURS IN LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES
FINAL EXAMINATION – 2025/26
LEVEL 5 (SEMESTER II)
HSU5305 – INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW AND COPYRIGHT

DURATION: 3 hours

Date: 25.04.2026 **Time: 1.30pm-4.30pm**

Instructions:
Answer only five (05) questions.
All questions carry equal marks

01 i. What is copyright, explain briefly. 03 marks

ii. Why should copyright be protected? Explain giving three reasons. 03 marks

iii. Describe in detail how the concept of copyright evolved in Sri Lankan. 06 marks

iv. Explain in detail, how the concept of copyright evolved in the world. 08 marks

02 i. What is Intellectual Property? Define 03 marks

ii. Write five functions done by the National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka related to the intellectual property system in the country. 05 marks

iii. Explain four types of Intellectual Properties in detail supporting examples. 12 marks

03 i. Describe the duration of the time of copyright protection for the following works with examples.

- Works in general
- Joint authorship
- Anonymous publication
- Sound recording

16 marks

ii. Describe what infringement of copyright is, with supporting examples. 04 marks

04. 'Librarian plays different roles as copyright protector', Describe connection between copyright protection and role of the librarian taking any 4 roles in concern played by the librarian. 20 marks

05. i. Define 'fair use'. present an authorized definition. 02 marks
ii. Discuss the connection between fair use and library practices giving three (3) reasons. 06 marks
iii. The copyright law allows teachers and students to use freely available published materials for education purposes. Discuss four advantages of this statement giving examples 12 marks

06. i. Discuss the difference between open licensing and All Rights Reserved licensing methods. 04 marks
ii. Describe four different forms of licenses with examples. 04 marks
iii. Describe four challenges of open licensing method. 04 marks
iv. Explain the process step by step of getting copyright permission to use the library copyrighted materials from the copyright owner. 08 marks

07. i. Describe following censorship types taking examples from Sri Lankan context
    i. Military censorship
    ii. Political censorship
    iii. Religious censorship
    iv. Social media censorship 08 marks
ii. Describe printed material censorship and film censorship giving at least four 4 examples from Sri Lankan history 12 marks

08 i. Write a small description on RTI act no.12 of 2016 with an objective of the act. 04 marks
ii. Explain the importance of RTI act for citizens in Sri Lanka. 08 marks
iii. According to the RTI Act Sri Lankan citizens have legal right of requesting any information from any organization. However, there are instances where requests can be rejected. Describe 4 instances where information requests can be rejected supporting examples. 08 marks

09 Write short notes on any four (04) of following topics
    i. Trademarks
    ii. Geographical indications
    iii. Protected works
    iv. Freedom of speech and expression 4x5=20 marks
    v. Book Censorship
    vi. WIPO