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IS 2220 – ESSENTIALS OF LAW

Time Allowed: 3 hours

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#### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. This paper contains 5 questions on 4 Pages.
2. The total marks obtainable for this examination is 100. The marks assigned for each question & sections thereof are included in square brackets.
3. This examination accounts for 70% of the module assessment.
4. This is a closed book examination.
5. Answer **ALL** questions in **SECTION A** and **ANY ONE** question in **SECTION B**.

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**SECTION A**

**Question 1**

- (a) Describe Sources of Law in Sri Lanka. *[08 Marks]*
- (b) Briefly explain powers and functions of the Supreme Courts in our country. *[07 Marks]*
- (c) Write an account of the modern structure of Courts (Judiciary System) in Sri Lanka. *[10 Marks]*

**Question 2**

- (a) Write an introduction on the legal systems (including personal laws) of Sri Lanka. *[10 Marks]*
- (b) Briefly explain applicability of English law for business matters in our country. *[05 Marks]*
- (c) Explain what is meant by “litigation” in the Sri Lankan legal system. *[05 Marks]*
- (d) State Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) methods prevailing in the Legal Systems of Sri Lanka. *[05 Marks]*

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**Question 3**

(a) In your view what is the difference between:

- (i) Civil law and Criminal Law
- (ii) Enacted Law (Legislation) & Judge Made Law (Case Law)

**[10 Marks]**

(b) Explain what is meant by "Computer Crime" according to the Computer Crime Act of Sri Lanka No.24 of 2007.

**[05 Marks]**

(c) State five (05) crimes/offences relating to the IT industry and its business practice (E-commerce, etc) in Sri Lanka.

**[05 Marks]**

(d) Identify which court of first instance has jurisdiction concerning the following case matter.

*"Rajah was employed as a Cashier in a reputed IT Company. He has committed the penal offence of **cheating** of money valued at Rs. 100,000. The IT company has complained to the Police."*

In what court should the Police file action against the suspect Rajah? Give reasons for your answer.

**[05 Marks]**

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**SECTION B**

**Question 4**

- (a) Define a “Contract” in relation to the Law of Contract.

[05 Marks]

- (b) *“A valid contract could be made verbally, in writing or by conduct of the parties. However, some contracts in the business a contract should necessarily be in writing for it to be valid”.*

What contracts should be in writing according to the Prevention of Frauds Ordinance of Sri Lanka?

[06 Marks]

- (c) “In a breach of contract the innocent party has several remedies”.  
Discuss this statement indicating several remedies for breach of contract.

[08 Marks]

- (d) Using examples distinguish between an “Offer” and an “Invitation to Treat” under the Commercial Law.

[06 Marks]

**Question 5**

- (a) Explain with examples the differences between “Conditions” and “Warranties” relating to business contracts.

[06 Marks]

- (b) Discuss elements of a valid contract.

[08 Marks]

- (c) Briefly discuss the ways in which a contract may be terminated.

[05 Marks]

- (d) *“X, a reputed auctioneer advertised in the newspaper that a sale by auction of used computers to be held in Colombo. Y, who came to Colombo all the way from Jaffna for the auction, found that the auction had been cancelled by X. Y sued X for loss of time and expenses which were incurred by him.”*

Can Y succeed in his action? You should build your answer based on the case law.

[06 Marks]

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