



SRI LANKA INSTITUTE OF DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

First Efficiency Bar Examination and Second Language Test for Officers in Sri Lanka Administrative Service , Sri Lanka Scientific Service , Sri Lanka Engineering Service , Sri Lanka Architectural Service 2013 (1)

Legal Systems of Sri Lanka

Three hours

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

1. "One of the most significant features of the Sinhalese Kingdom during the Kandyan Period was the existence of a very formally organized judicial system". Examine this statement describing important institutions operated during that time. (20 marks)
2. a). What is meant by "Roman Dutch Law"? (05 marks)
b). How "Batavian Statutes" were important at the time the Roman Dutch Law was introduced in Ceylon? (05 marks)
c). Discuss the influence of Roman Dutch Law in the legal system of Sri Lanka at present. (10 marks)
3. "Muslim Law" in this country is necessarily a personal law". Discuss the statement giving special reference to the application of Muslim Law in Sri Lanka. (20 marks)
4. Examine the manner in which the English Law was introduced into the legal system of this country through statutes and judgments? (20 marks)
5. "The existence of an organized hierarchy of courts is an essential factor to ensure the 'rule of law' in a country." Examine the statement referring to the present hierarchy of courts in Sri Lanka. (20 marks)
6. a). What is meant by "Writs"? (05 marks)
b). Briefly explain five (05) types of writs provided in the Sri Lankan Constitution. (15 marks)
7. Describe the Jurisdiction of the High Court of the Republic of Sri Lanka with reference to the judicature Act No.2 of 1978. (20 marks)
8. Write short notes on the following:
a) Geographical regions in which the Kandyan Law is applicable (05 marks)
b) Tesawalamai Code compiled in 1707 (05 marks)
c) Obiter dicta (05 marks)
d) Courts of first instance. (05 marks)
