

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO – SRI LANKA

FACULTY OF ARTS

SECOND YEAR EXAMINATION IN ARTS – SEMESTER II – 2017/2018

PSC 2239 –Constitutional Law: Theories and Applications

Time: Two (02) Hours

Answer only **three (03)** Questions.

Each answer will carry a maximum of **twenty (20)** marks.

01. Explain the following:

- (I) The Concept of Constitutional Law
- (II) The Rule of Law.

02. (I) What is parliamentary sovereignty?

(II) Examine parliamentary sovereignty under the Soulbury Constitution.

03. (I) Define an Autochthonous Constitution

(II) Discuss the autochthonous features of the Constitution of 1972.

04. (I) Examine the concept of independence of judiciary.

(II) What are the provisions that have been introduced to safeguard the independence of judiciary under the second Republican Constitution of 1978?

05. (I) Briefly outline the origin and the objectives of Ombudsmen system.

(II) Examine the main characteristics of Ombudsmen system in Sri Lanka.

06. Explain the following:

(I) The fundamental Rights that have been introduced by the Constitution of 1978

(II) The functioning of the mechanisms to safeguard the fundamental rights that have been introduced by the Constitution of 1978.

07. Write notes on **two (02)** of the following:

(I) Current debates on the reforms for the executive presidential system in Sri Lanka

(II) 19th Amendment to the Constitution of 1978

(III) The objectives of devolution of power in Sri Lanka

(IV) The provisions for constitutional amendments under the Constitution of 1978
