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EDHR 1004: Domestic Legal System and Fundamental Rights

Two (02) Hours

Total Number of Questions: 04

Answer **TWO** questions and no more.

(Illegible handwriting will lead to reduced marks.)

1. 'In any contemporary constitutional reform process, it is crucial to carefully consider the inclusion of fundamental economic, social, and cultural rights in the constitution.'

Do you agree? Give reasons for your answer.

2. Lokka, who is known as the leader of an underworld gang in the country of Ceelan, was apprehended following an extensive search operation conducted by the police. When he was in police custody, he endured repeated physical torture, and his right to legal representation was denied by the police. When Lokka attempted to escape from police custody, he was shot by the police. Later he died because of the head injuries caused by the shooting.

Assume that the Constitution and the Legal System of Ceelan are similar to the Constitution and the Legal System of Sri Lanka.

Discuss the violation of fundamental rights of Lokka, if any, in the above scenario.

3. Discuss the role of the law enforcement authorities in protecting and promoting fundamental rights in Sri Lanka.
4. Write a short note on any **two** of the following:
- (a) Restrictions on fundamental rights in Sri Lanka
 - (b) Right of access to information in Sri Lanka
 - (c) Fundamental rights and public interest litigation
 - (d) Fundamental rights jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka
