

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

FACULTY OF LAW

DEGREE OF MASTER OF LAWS - 2023/24

REPEAT EXAMINATION

(Research Methodology- LLM 2264)

(Two Hours)

Total number of questions: 03

**Answer TWO (2) questions and no more.
(Candidates will be penalized for illegible handwriting.)**

1. "Ontology defines your research framework while epistemology determines the research questions that you will need to answer. Together, ontology, epistemology and methodology form an all-encompassing system of interrelated practice and thinking that defines the nature of your research."

Do you agree? Examine the above statement with reference to the philosophical and methodological paradigms of research and support your answer with suitable legal examples.

(30 Marks)

2. "Literature review is an essential feature of academic research. Fundamentally, knowledge advancement must be built on prior existing work. To push the knowledge frontier, we must know where the frontier is."

In light of the above statement, discuss the purpose and steps that should be followed in conducting a literature review in the context of legal research.

(30 Marks)

3. Write notes **on any Two** of the following:
- a) Research as a tool of law reform
 - b) Referencing and Plagiarism
 - c) Qualitative research method
 - d) Primary and Secondary data
 - e) Doctrinal and non-doctrinal research

(30 Marks)
