

UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, SRI LANKA
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MASTER OF LAWS DEGREE PROGRAMME 2024/26
2nd Semester End Examination – 2025

Criminology and Law – LLM12407

(Three Hours)

Total number of questions: 04

Answer any **Three** questions
(Candidates will be penalized for illegible handwriting)

Question 01

Critically analyze the historical evolution and contemporary significance of victimology by examining the definitional shift of crime through the victim's lens, the intricate relationship between crime and patterns of victimization, the emergence and critique of key theoretical frameworks and the degree to which victims' rights, have been formally acknowledged and safeguarded by domestic legal systems, international human rights, and criminal justice norms.

(20 Marks)

Question 02

Critically examine the nature and causative factors of violent crimes, with particular reference to sexual offences and violent property crimes, by analysing relevant criminological theories, the legal framework and enforcement challenges in Sri Lanka, and the wider socio-legal and individual consequences of such offences.

(20 Marks)

Question 03

Critically evaluate imprisonment, probation, and parole as modalities of institutional and community-based corrections, through the analytical framework of the rehabilitative theory of punishment, with particular emphasis on their statutory foundations, operational implementation, and systemic challenges within the Sri Lankan criminal justice context.

(20 Marks)

Question 04

Answer A or B

- (A) Critically investigate the legal complexities surrounding the prosecution of international crimes under existing international legal frameworks, and assess their implications for national sovereignty, legal obligations, and accountability mechanisms in countries such as Sri Lanka.

(20 Marks)

OR

- (B) Critically assess the phenomenon of transnational organized crime with special reference to narco-terrorism, by analyzing its underlying criminological theories, the major legal challenges it poses under international and domestic law, and the socio-political and legal consequences for affected states.

(20 Marks)
