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LAW 21301- Criminal Law II

(2 ¼ Hours)

Total Number of Questions: 04

Answer Two (02) questions and no more.
(Candidates will be penalised for illegible handwriting.)

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1. Discuss the offences committed by Perera in respect of the following incidents, with reference to the relevant provisions of the Penal Code of Sri Lanka:
- a) Perera violently struck Silva in the face. As a result, Silva sustained swelling and redness on his left cheek and a minor cut on his lower lip.
 - b) Perera, armed with a metal rod, struck Arumugam multiple times on his legs and back. Following the attack, Arumugam experienced intense bodily pain and was unable to walk without assistance. A medical report confirmed that due to the pain and injuries, Arumugam was confined to bed rest and unable to carry out his daily work as a carpenter for 25 days.
 - c) Perera locked Maneesha inside a room of a private boarding house in Negombo after an argument over unpaid rent. Maneesha was not allowed to leave for nearly two hours until neighbors intervened.
 - d) In a confrontation, Perera shook his fist at Akrum and threatened, "I'll beat your face." Akrum, believing he was about to be attacked, became frightened and feared immediate physical harm.
 - e) To make fear, Perera deliberately provoked his dog, 'Rex', to jump on Kumari without her knowledge. Kumari was surprised and felt threatened by 'Rex's sudden and aggressive behavior.

(5 X 6 = 30 Marks)

2. Answer the questions A & B

- A. Sakuna, an 18-year-old youth, was involved in a romantic relationship with Chethana, a 15-year-old girl. Over the course of their relationship, the two engaged in consensual sexual intercourse on several occasions. Upon discovering this, Chethana's parents lodged a complaint with the police, leading to Sakuna's arrest on charges relating to commit rape on a woman under eighteen years of age. During the police investigation, Chethana stated that the sexual acts took place with her full consent.

Discuss offences committed by Sukuna according to the provisions of the Penal Code of Sri Lanka and support your answer with relevant case law.

(20 Marks)

- B. Sandeep and Pradeep were engaged in a same-sex relationship and were seen kissing inside Sandeep's car, parked in a public parking lot. While they were in the vehicle, the police approached and arrested them on the grounds of committing acts of gross indecency between persons. Sandeep and Pradeep contested the arrest, arguing that the police had no authority to interfere with personal space or private life.

Did Sandeep and Pradeep commit any offence under the provisions of the Penal Code of Sri Lanka. The answer must be supported by relevant case law authority.

(10 Marks)

(Total 30 Marks)

3. Ranga is the Manager of Lakshmi Mahal, a reputed jewellery shop in Colombo. He has been entrusted with the keys to the main vault of the shop and has access to all daily financial records. Perera, the owner of the shop, noticed several inconsistencies in the stock of gold chains over the last three months. Upon inquiry, Ranga claimed that some chains were sent for repair and others were sold, but he failed to provide any receipts. Ranga had been secretly removing gold chains from the vault by replacing imitation chains instead of gold chains and pawning them to Dilan, a local pawn broker, using his personal National Identity Card. He intended to return them after a few months when his financial situation improved. However, he never informed Perera of these actions.

One day, while closing the shop, Ranga noticed that the CCTV system had malfunctioned. Taking the advantage, he and his friend Sanjeewa, who came in with a toy pistol and face masks pretending to be an armed and putting Perera in fear of instant death, and took cash and jewellery worth Rs. 5 million. After that, Ranga filed a false police complaint

claiming that he was also held at the store and attacked by robbers at the same time while Perera was given medical treatment in hospital unconsciously.

Two weeks later, the police uncovered the crime through phone records and recovered part of the jewellery from Sanjeewa's house. It was also discovered that Dilan had accepted several gold chains from Ranga without verifying their source, and had subsequently resold some of them claiming ownership.

Discuss the offences committed by Ranga, Sanjeewa, and Dilan under the provisions of Penal Code of Sri Lanka. Your answer should also be supported through relevant case laws.

(30 Marks)

4. *"The Criminal law seeks to protect both the sanctity of the human body and the security of property. The boundaries between offences against the person's body and offences against property are not always rigid, and situations often arise where both types of harm are inflicted simultaneously."*

Do you agree with the above statement? Discuss in light of relevant provisions of the Penal Code of Sri Lanka. In your answer, refer to legal principles underlying such offences, and illustrate with decided cases and your own examples where appropriate.

(30 Marks)
