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COURSE TITLE: LAC01 - INTRODUCTION TO LAW	
DURATION OF EXAMS:	3 HOURS
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Number OF QUESTIONS:	8
NUMBER OF QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED	5
<u>NOTES TO CANDIDATES:</u>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. ANSWER ANY FIVE (5) QUESTIONS.2. Marks for each question are indicated.3. Support your answers by giving reasons and relevant legislation or cases.4. Candidates can take into the examination room the Reader and the Constitution.5. Candidates are not allowed to take any course books into the examination room.6. This exam is worth 60% of the total marks for the course.	

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ANSWER FIVE (5) QUESTIONS ONLY

Question 1

With reference to a country of your own choice, describe the ways in which the courts interpret and give meaning to the words in written laws.

12 marks

Question 2

“Legislation” describes a certain type of law.

Explain the following with reference to your country or a country of your own choice from within the USP region.

- (i) What are the various types of legislation?
- (ii) When would legislation be held to be void and of no legal effect?

12 marks

Question 3

Explain briefly the difference between criminal and civil proceedings.

12 marks

Question 4

Explain and illustrate the basic rules guiding the decision of the Courts regarding evidence.

12 marks

Question 5

The principle of **res judicata** has been applied by the courts in two different ways.

Using examples and referring to cases, explain the above statement.

12 marks

Question 6

Discuss the extent to which Customary Law can be applied by the Courts in a country of your choice in the region.

12 marks

Question 7

Explain the following:

- i. Positivist view of law
- ii. Realist view of law.
- iii. Naturalist view of law.

12 marks

Question 8

The written Constitution is stated to be the Supreme Law. Discuss the statement and illustrate by using Court judgments.

12 marks

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