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DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF LAWS
SECOND SEMESTER, 2023/2024
(JANUARY-APRIL, 2024)

LLBK 126: CRITICAL AND LOGICAL THINKING

STREAM: Y1 S2

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY: FRIDAY, 9:00 – 11:00 A.M.

DATE: 12/04/2024

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Do not write anything on this question paper.***
- 2. Answer Question ONE and any TWO other Questions.***
- 3. Illustrate your answer with relevant cases and statutory provisions where applicable.***

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)

In the very first lecture of this course the critical thinkers in the class disagreed on the question whether asking questions immensely enhanced critical thinking as opposed to answering such questions. As a result, the class expressed divergent views which saw it divided into camps—the proponents who preferred asking questions and the opponents who preferred answering such questions.

(a) Assuming you were one of the proponents and by giving examples give reasons in support of your point of view. (5 Marks)

(b) Assuming you were one of the opponents and by giving examples give reasons in support of your point of view. (5 Marks).

(c) Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions that follow

It is important that pregnant women and those with poor immune systems become aware of the potential risks posed by cats. Many of us keep cats as house pets without realising the dangers they may be harbouring. Cats are hosts to infectious *toxoplasma gondii*, a protozoa that causes disease,

toxoplasmosis, in mammals such as humans. The protozoa is crescent-shaped and common in nature, but in its infectious stage relies on cats as host bodies. Adult humans rarely show signs of significant disease if they become infected. However, if pregnant women become infected, the foetus can become infected by parasites and suffer serious congenital damage. In the worst cases, infants may lose their eye sight and acquire motor deficits. In people with HIV AIDS, toxoplasmosis can cause seizures and death. The symptoms of the disease are not evident in cats so there is no way of knowing if a particular cat is a risk.'

Identify

- The main argument (4 Marks)
- Four premises i.e. P1, P2, P3 and P4 and (12 Marks)
- The Conclusion (4 Marks)

QUESTION TWO

'Critical thinking determines how you feel, what you do and what you want. Improving the quality of your life then, improves your life—helping you to achieve your goals, make better decisions and take charge of what you do' (anonymous)

By giving examples discuss this assertion. (20 Marks)

QUESTION THREE

By giving examples, discuss the attributes of a critical thinker. (20 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR

Discuss the barriers of critical thinking (20 Marks)

QUESTION FIVE

By giving examples describe the following four prominent features of critical thinking. Critical thinking

- (a) Is reflective (5 Marks)
- (b) Involves standards (5 Marks)
- (c) Is authentic (5 Marks)
- (d) Involves being reasonable (5 marks)