

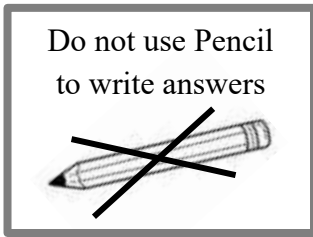
# Sri Lanka Law College Special Entrance Examination 2025

## Commercial Law-Model Paper

### Instructions to candidates

One Hour

#### Very Important:



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1. MV. Athena was chartered to proceed from a Black sea port to a port in the United States of America. The vessel departed from the Black Sea Port in the direct geographical route. On the way, the Athena stopped for bunkers in the Port of Constanza where cheap fuel was available. The Port of Constanza was approximately 300 miles from the customary route from the Black Sea to the relevant Port in the United States of America. On its way to the Port of Constanza the vessel suffered a casualty which would not have occurred if the deviation was not undertaken, and the voyage was thus delayed for a period of one week.

Discuss the liability of the owner of the vessel in the context of the deviation of the vessel from its direct geographical route. (50 marks)

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2. A cargo of timber was stacked at quayside to load on to the MV. Christina for a voyage from the Port of Adelaide to the Port of Colombo. However, while awaiting loading, the cargo of timber was stained due to a leakage of oil. Upon loading the cargo, the Master of the Christina issued a clean bill of lading. The bill of lading originally issued to Billabong PLC in Australia as the shipper was thereafter duly endorsed and transferred to Ebony Pvt Ltd of Colombo Sri Lanka. Ebony Pvt Limited sued the ship owner upon obtaining the delivery of the cargo at the Port of Colombo.

Discuss the relative defences the shipowner can take up with specific reference to estoppel.  
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