



Sri Lanka Law College Special Entrance Examination - 2026

The subjects and syllabus recommended by the Special Entrance Examination Committee for the Special Entrance Examination to be held in 2026 are as follows.

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SYLLABUS

International Trade Law

Subject Area	Recommended Reading
<p>a) International Sale of Goods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Passing of Property• Special Trade Terms in Export Trade• Performance of the Contract	<p>Benjamin's Sale of Goods - Sweet & Maxwell, 12th Edition 2024,</p> <p>Schmitthoff's The Law and Practice of International Trade-Sweet & Maxwell, 12th Edition</p>
<p>b) Carriage of Goods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hague Visby Rules• Features of Bills of Lading	<p>Carver on Bills of Lading-Sweet & Maxwell – 5th Edition</p> <p>Carriage of Goods by Sea-John F Wilson - Pearson – 6th Edition</p>
<p>c) Financing International sales contracts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Payment in International Trade – Collection Agreements, Documentary Credits	<p>Schmitthoff's The Law and Practice of International Trade -Sweet & Maxwell, 12th Edition</p> <p>Benjamin's Sale of Goods - Sweet & Maxwell, 12th Edition 2024</p>

Law of Contract

Subject Area	Recommended Reading
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The constituent elements of a contract 2. The formation of a contract 3. Capacities of parties to contract 4. Applicability of “consideration” under English Law and “<i>justa causa</i>” under Roman-Dutch Law in Sri Lanka 5. Terms of contract and their effect 6. The effects of exclusion clauses and unfair terms under the Laws of Sri Lanka 7. Factors tending to defeat contractual liability (vitiating factors) 8. Performance and Discharge of contract 9. Remedies for breach of contract under the Laws of Sri Lanka 10. Methods of resolution of contractual disputes in Sri Lanka 	<p>Jack Beatson, Andrew Burrows and John Cartwright, <i>Anson’s Law of Contract</i> (31st edn, Oxford University Press 2020)</p> <p>Hugh Beale, <i>Chitty on Contracts</i> (34th edn, Sweet & Maxwell 2021)</p> <p>Ewan McKendrick, <i>Contract Law: Text, Cases and Materials</i> (10th edn, Oxford University Press 2022)</p> <p>C.G. Weeramantry, <i>The Law of Contracts</i>, vol 1 & 2 (Stamford Lake 1967)</p>

Administrative Law

Subject Area	Recommended Reading
<p>1. Grounds of Judicial Review</p> <p>(Candidates will have to be familiar with the grounds of judicial review as explained in the renowned GCHQ case (<i>Council of Civil Service Unions and Others v. And Minister for the Civil Service</i>, (1985) AC 374) and be able to explain the grounds of judicial review with illustrations.</p> <p>2. Rationality</p> <p>(As a ground of judicial review, what does this mean and what is the threshold for judicial review under this head? What is the history of rationality review? (Candidates should be able to demonstrate awareness of the landmark decision in <i>Wednesbury (Associated Provincial Picture Houses Ltd. v Wednesbury Corporation [1948] 1 KB 223)</i> and the subsequent authorities reviewing the <i>Wednesbury</i> principle).</p> <p>3. Proportionality</p> <p>(What is the controversy associated with proportionality review? Candidates will be</p>	<p>General</p> <p>Administrative Law – Wade and Forsyth [11th Edition]</p> <p>Right to a fair hearing</p> <p><i>Dissanayake v Kaleel</i> – (1993) 2 SLR 135</p> <p>Legitimate Expectation</p> <p><i>Thilakaratnalage Ariyamala v Land Reform Commission</i> – CA (Writ) 310/2014. Decided on 10th May 2019.</p> <p><i>Ariyaratne and Others v N.K. Illangakoon and Others</i> - SCFR No 444/20012. Decided on 30th July 2019.</p> <p>Proportionality</p> <p><i>KIA Motors v Consumer Affairs Authority and Others</i> - CA Writ Application 66/2013. Decided on 26th May 2020.</p> <p>Rationality</p> <p><i>Wednesbury</i> case [1948] 1 KB 223</p>

expected to take a position on the controversy and defend their views.)

4. Principles of Natural Justice

(A comprehensive awareness of the judicial authorities relating to the “Rule Against Bias” is expected. Further, the candidates should be able to demonstrate familiarity with the history and the controversy over the scope of application of the principles of natural justice.

With respect to Audi Alter am Partem, the candidates must be familiar with the following:

- (a) What constitutes a fair hearing?
- (b) Are there exceptions to this principle?
- (c) Do the principles of natural justice imply a duty to give reasons?)

5. Legitimate Expectation

(The ability to distinguish between procedural legitimate expectation and substantive legitimate expectation will be expected from the candidates.

Significant developments have taken place in Sri Lanka with respect to substantive legitimate expectation. The candidates should be able to explain these developments and present their views on the suitability of these developments.)

