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**LL.M. (ONE YEAR COURSE)
FIRST SEMESTER
MID TERM EXAMINATION
SEPTEMBER - 2025
PAPER - I: LEGAL RESEARCH
METHODOLOGY
TIME DURATION: ONE AND HALF HOUR
MAXIMUM MARKS: FORTY (40)**

Note: Section-A is **compulsory** and each part carries **5 marks**.
Attempt **one question** each from Section B and C.
Each question carries **15 marks**.

Section - A

1. Compulsory

Write short note on the following:

- a. Review of Literature
- b. Define and differentiate between 'Research Methodology' and 'Research Method'

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Section - B

2. Critically analyze how a post-positivist approach to water policy differs from a traditional positivist one. Using a specific water management challenge (e.g. inter-state river disputes, urban water scarcity, or groundwater depletion), as a case study, explain how a post-positivist approach would lead to a more sustainable solution.
3. Discuss the factors involved in carrying out the ethical practices in research.

Section - C

4. Explain how a researcher proactively addresses the risk of methodological failure and how the concept of saturation helps determine the completeness of a qualitative study.
5. Bar Council of India has rolled out a programme which shall conduct research on mushrooming of the Law Colleges in India. In the light of the given problem formulate the hypothes(es), four-five research objectives & four-five research questions.

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PAPER -II : COMPARATIVE PUBLIC LAW
TIME DURATION: ONE AND HALF HOUR
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question carries **15 marks**.

Section - A

1. Compulsory

Write short note on the following:

- a. Methodological Challenges in Comparative Constitutional Law
- b. Executive Accountability

Section - B

2. How has the distinction between private law as "private ordering" and public law as "public goods" been challenged or blurred in modern times? Does the distinction remain a valuable conceptual tool?
3. Critically examine the application of the rule of law in India, the United Kingdom, and the United States, focusing on how their distinct constitutional frameworks and the role of their judiciaries shape this fundamental principle.

Section - C

4. What is the role of "fourth branch institutions" in modern democracies? Do they strengthen accountability and governance, or do they undermine the traditional separation of powers?
 5. Discuss the key judicial doctrines of federalism in Canada, the United States, and India. How do these doctrines reflect each nation's unique constitutional history and design, and to what extent do they either maintain a strict division of powers or promote a more cooperative federal structure?
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PAPER - ~~IV~~: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
LAW
TIME DURATION: ONE AND HALF HOUR
MAXIMUM MARKS: FORTY (40)**

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Section - A

1. **Compulsory**

Write short note on the following:

- a. A storywriter Mr. Ammal Khan published a compilation of his stories which converted into a film. Further some of the stories were during his own handwriting, which he had written during his struggling days. The question is whether works of a storywriter are literary works within the meaning of "work" under the Copyright Act, 1957.
- b. Is WIPO leading to the development of a balanced and effective international IP system that has enabled innovation and creativity for the benefit of all.

Section - B

2. Elucidate in detail the various theories for the protection and promotion of intellectual property rights.
3. Write a note on the "Dispute Settlement Mechanism" under the World Trade Organization Regime.

Section - C

4. Akash and Co. was into manufacturing and exporting of various pharmaceuticals and toiletries since 1975. The Company had trademark with regards to many medicines and toiletries. They attained a trademark for a night cream 'OLAY TOTAL EFFECTS'. The defendants Joy & Co. obtained trademark 'JOY TOTAL EFFECTS' for anti ageing cream. Discuss and decide with the help of case laws can the defendants be restrained from using the said trademark.
5. A biographer Mr. Krish Pradhan paraphrased large portions of unpublished letters written by the famed author Mr. J.D. Salin. Although people could read these letters at a university library, Mr. Salin had never authorized their reproduction. This was the first time that the general public would see these letters paraphrased form in the biography. Mr. Salin sued to infringement. Mr. Krish Pradhan contended fair use. In light of the above facts of the case discuss and decide whether it would be an act of infringement or the present case would fall under fair use.

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PAPER -III : LAW OF CRIMES - I
TIME DURATION: ONE AND HALF HOUR
MAXIMUM MARKS: FORTY (40)**

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Attempt **one question** each from Section B and Each
question carries **15 marks**.

Section - A

1. Compulsory

Write short note on the following:

- a. Discuss the stages of crime with relevant cases.
- b. Self-preservation is the basic human instinct and is duly recognized by the criminal jurisprudence of all civilized countries. All free, democratic and civilized countries recognize the right of private defence within certain reasonable limits. Comment.

Section - B

2. Explain in detail with the help of recent & relevant cases, the Elements of Crime.
3. Discuss the concept of vicarious liability in crimes with reference to common intention and common object.

Section - C

4. Critically evaluate the rationale and purposes served by the *General exceptions* (Chapter III) in the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS). In your discussion, explain how the law allocates the burden of proof when an accused invokes a general or special exception under the BNS. To what extent do courts presume the existence of circumstances that would bring a case within these exceptions? Illustrate your answer with relevant precedents.
5. Analyse in detail the principles laid down in *R. v. M'Naghten* and assess how these have been adopted in Indian law under Section 84 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and the corresponding section 22 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023. Is the defence of 'unsoundness of mind' available in *all* cases of medical insanity? Critically examine with reference to Indian case law the distinction between medical insanity and legal insanity, timing of insanity, and the standards of proof required.

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PAPER -III : INDIAN FEDERALISM AND
CENTRE STATE RELATIONS
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Section - A

1. Compulsory

Write short note on the following:

- a. Doctrine of Occupied Field
- b. Limits on Borrowing Powers of State

Section - B

2. The State of Jharkhand passed the Online Lottèries (Regulation and Taxation) Act, 2025, imposing a tax on every online lottery ticket purchased by residents of the State, even when the lotteries are organized by companies based outside the State of Jharkhand. A lottery company incorporated in State of Haryana challenged the law, arguing that the Act is unconstitutional because the taxable event i.e., the lotter draw and ticket issuance occurs entirely in State of Haryana. The State of Jharkhand defended the law by stating that the purchase and impact of the activity are within State of Jharkhand's territory, thereby creating a sufficient territorial nexus. The matter is now before the Supreme court. Is the law passed by State of Jharkhand constitutionally valid? Discuss the doctrine of territorial nexus under Article 245. Provide arguments from both sides and write judgment. Substantiate your answer with relevant legal principles, constitutional provisions and case-laws.
3. Critically examine the doctrine of repugnancy under Article 254 of the Indian Constitution with reference to judicial interpretation. Discuss the three-pronged test of repugnancy laid down in *M. Karunanidhi v. Union of India* and its reaffirmation in later judgments. How did the Supreme Court in *Forum for People's Collective Efforts v. State of West Bengal* expand upon the tests for determining repugnancy, and what implications does this have for the relationship between State and Parliamentary legislation? Support your answer with suitable case law.

Section - C

4. The finances of the states include the tax and non-tax revenue from its own resources as well as grants from the Union. This apart, the States also get a share in Union Taxes and Duties. Certain taxes levied by the Union on matters in Union List are assigned to the States. In this backdrop discuss the constitutional provisions to correct vertical and horizontal imbalances in Indian federalism.
 5. Critically analyse the constitutional provisions and their interpretation regarding the freedom of trade, commerce and intercourse. Trace the journey of interpretation of the regulatory and compensatory taxes from *Atiabari Tea Co. Ltd.* (1961) to *Jindal Stainless Ltd.* (2016).
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SEPTEMBER - 2025
PAPER -IV : BANKING AND INSURANCE
LAW
TIME DURATION: ONE AND HALF HOUR
MAXIMUM MARKS: FORTY (40)**

Note: Section-A is **compulsory** and each part carries **5 marks**.
Attempt **one question** each from Section B and each
question carries **15 marks**.

Section - A

1. Compulsory

Write short note on the following:

- a. Examine how Non-Banking Financial Institutions (NBFIs) differ from banks in their functions and regulation. Do these differences create more opportunities or more risks for the financial system?
- b. Maira visits her bank to apply for a home loan. The bank officer tells her she must also buy a life insurance policy from the bank's partner insurer, otherwise her loan will not be approved. Discuss with reference to bancassurance regulations and consumer protection principles.

Section - B

2. ABC Ltd. applies for a banking license with a paid-up capital of Rs. 5 crore. RBI rejects the application citing insufficient capital and inadequate promoter background. The company argues that rejection is arbitrary. Discuss the statutory requirements and discretion of RBI in licensing process.
3. Neha keeps Rs 5,00,000 in a fixed deposit with her bank and gives instructions to the bank to collect rent cheques from her tenants. Later, a dispute arises when the bank refuses to pay back the deposit on demand and the cheque collection is delayed. Identify the different kinds of legal relationships between Neha and the bank in these situations, and discuss the duties and liabilities of the bank.

Section - C

4. Ananya a college student, while using UPI apps for her payments faces challenges such as failed transactions and phishing attempts. She had doubts about whether UPI payments are as secure as traditional banking methods. Discuss the evolution and scope of UPI in India and critically examine the challenges highlighted by Ananya's experience.
5. Arjun buys a mobile phone using a "Buy Now, Pay Later" (BNPL) option. Later, he was charged hidden fees and penalty interest which were not clearly disclosed at the time of purchase. What issues does this situation raise about BNPL services, and what protections should consumers like Arjun have?

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LAW
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question carries **15 marks**.

Section - A

1. Compulsory

Write short note on the following:

- a. Principle of Legality
- b. Crime of "Aggression under International Criminal Law"

Section - B

2. What was the need to constitute an International Criminal Court? Explain in detail with the relevant example.
3. Explain the 'Treaties and Conventions' as a source of International Criminal Law.

Section - C

4. Whether the group need to be a 'permanent group' in order to make a perpetrator liable for the "Genocide" under the International Criminal Court.
5. Explain the War crimes committed during the Internal and International Armed Conflict under the Rome Statute, 1998.

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Section - A

1. Compulsory

Write short note on the following:

- a. Define delegated legislation and briefly explain the reasons for its growth in modern governance.
- b. "Constitutional Law and Administrative Law are subjects which interlock closely and overlap extensively". Analyze this statement given by Prof. William Wade and C.F. Forsyth and discuss what is termed as 'watershed' in Administrative Law?

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Section - B

2. Administrative Law is wholly a judge made law, which has all the “strengths and frailties of judicial Law making”. Comment
3. Critically examine the scope of the modern concept of Rule of Law and analyse its transformation from the principles of equality before law and supremacy of law to include social and economic Justice with relevant constitutional provisions and Judicial Pronouncements?

Section - C

4. *Discuss the constitutionality of delegated legislation in India with reference to judicial approaches during different periods of appellate authority.*
 5. Discuss, with the help of constitutional provisions and case law, the validity of delegated legislation in the following situations:
 - i) Where the Parent Act delegates essential legislative functions to the executive;
 - ii) where the delegated legislation is arbitrary or unreasonable; and
 - iii) where the delegated legislation expressly seeks to exclude judicial review of its provisions.
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PAPER - VI : CYBER LAW AND ARTIFICIAL
INTELLIGENCE
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Section - A

1. Compulsory

Write short note on the following:

- a. Write a short note on Section 67B of the Information Technology Act 2000, highlighting its scope and objective.
- b. Write a short note on cybersquatting and its regulation in India.

Section - B

2. Explain the Safe Harbour Principle under Section 79 of the Information Technology Act, 2000. How has the Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code, 2021 affected the due diligence obligations of intermediaries?
3. What are the duties of Data Fiduciaries and Significant Data Fiduciaries under the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023? Analyse how these obligations reflect the underlying principles of data protection.

Section - C

4. What are the jurisdictional challenges faced by the Courts in adjudicating disputes concerning cyberspace? Discuss how judicially evolved tests such as the Sliding Scale Test and the Effects Test aid in resolving these challenges.
 5. Trace the evolution of the status of Right to Privacy in India. Discuss its scope and significance with the help of relevant case laws.
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CRIMINALITY
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question carries **15 marks**.

Section - A

1. Compulsory

Write short note on the following:

- a. Briefly discuss how cyber-crime has led to global human trafficking with suitable cases.
- b. Why are some countries considered as safe havens for money laundering?

Section - B

2. Rano who is a minor village girl is lured by her adult boyfriend Jagdish to accompany him to the city for marriage. She agrees, both of them run away and reach the city where they live in a hotel for 4 days and indulge in physical intimacy and afterwards, he misrepresents to Rano that he has procured a job for her but actually sells her for Rs. 50,000/ to a brothel owner who first rapes Rano in the brothel and then forces her to go to a hotel with a client. When she has just reached the hotel and is taken to a room with the client, the police raid the hotel. Discuss how the police is required to respond in the current situation. Discuss with the help of applicable laws the criminal liability of the people involved in the above.
3. Discuss in detail the emerging trends in drug trafficking nationally as well as internationally.

Section - C

4. "Money laundering is integral to all other organized crimes as well as terrorism". Do you agree ? Discuss in details the nature of money laundering and the different steps involved in it.
 5. Discuss the key features of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. Due you identify any loopholes or grey areas in this law? Is there any provision in the BNS, 2023 which also deals with money laundering.
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PAPER -VI : CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT
AND COMPETITION LAW
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Section - A

1. Compulsory

Write short note on the following:

- a. How does the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 redefine consumer rights in the digital marketplace?
- b. Briefly explain the structure and jurisdiction of Consumer Commissions under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019.

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Section - B

2. Riya booked a flight through a popular travel app. During checkout, she noticed that travel insurance had been pre-selected without her consent, increasing the total fare. She also saw a message stating "Only 2 seats left! 30 people are viewing this flight," which created urgency. After the purchase, she realized the insurance was non-refundable and the urgency claim was misleading. Evaluate the legality of the platform's conduct under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019. What regulatory remedies and consumer rights are implicated in this scenario?
3. An online electronics retailer advertises a new smartphone with hundreds of 5-star reviews praising its battery life and camera quality. After purchasing the phone, Priya finds that the battery drains rapidly and the camera quality is subpar. Upon investigation, she discovers that many of the reviews were posted by accounts with no verified purchases and identical language. She suspects the reviews were paid or fabricated to boost sales. Assess the retailer's conduct under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 on Online Consumer Reviews. What legal remedies are available to Priya, and how might the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) respond to such deceptive practices?

Section - C

4. Outline the key powers and functions of the Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019. How does the authority ensure protection against unfair trade practices and misleading advertisements?
 5. Arjun purchased a fitness smartwatch from a reputed online platform. Within days, the device overheated during use and caused a minor burn on his wrist. He contacted the seller, who blamed the manufacturer. The manufacturer, in turn, claimed that the product met all safety standards and suggested misuse by the consumer. Arjun decides to file a complaint under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, seeking compensation for physical harm and emotional distress. Analyse the liability of the product seller and manufacturer under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019. What conditions must Arjun satisfy to establish a valid product liability claim, and what defences might be available to the opposite parties?
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