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**LL.M. (ONE YEAR COURSE)  
FIRST SEMESTER  
END TERM EXAMINATION  
DECEMBER - 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. Write contents of Research Report on 'Organised crime in India:  
An empirical study.'
- b. Define and differentiate between Bibliography and footnote  
citation.

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Section - B

2. Discuss kinds of data that may be collected in research on 'Suicide Prevention in Higher Educational Institutions in India.' Also explain various methods of analysis of qualitative and quantitative data.
3. Data Collection in research constitutes important step in a statistical investigation. Discuss the precautionary measures as a good researcher and Tools for Primary Data Collection for research authentication.

Section - C

4. (a) How does the structure of a thesis differ from a dissertation?  
(7.5)  
(b) Also explain the difference between a research paper and an article.  
(7.5)
5. Arrange the following details of books/journals/case law as foot noting of your research work used by you in your Term paper/ Dissertation. The Mode of citation shall be observed as per the OSCOLA guidelines.
  - i) In your research you referred a page no 10 of book; role of information technology in cyber world; written by Pawan Duggal; printed by Bharat Law house New Delhi in 2010.
  - ii) You referred a page no 1140 from the case of Shafin Jahan versus Ashokan KM which was reported in All India Reporter of 2018.
  - iii) You referred a page no 5 of research paper titled Human rights and deprived strata; written by Naresh Vats published in MDU Law Journal, Rohtak.
  - iv) You referred a page no 11 of research paper titled Climate change and role of NGT; written by Naresh Vats and Urmila published in CLR, NLU Nagpur available at [https://nlunagpur.ac.in/PDF/2019/CLR-Vol\\_2\\_No.II.pdf](https://nlunagpur.ac.in/PDF/2019/CLR-Vol_2_No.II.pdf).
  - v) You referred a page no 335 of book titled Method of social survey research; Kanpur printed in Kitabghar in 1972 written by SR Bajpai; Ram Ahuja and Raj Ram.

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PAPER II: COMPARATIVE PUBLIC LAW  
TIME DURATION: ONE AND HALF HOUR  
MAXIMUM MARKS: FORTY (40)**

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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. Constitutional Amendment Process in the United States
- b. Open Government and Right to Information

Section - B

2. Examine the distinctive role and powers of the French Administrative Law Judge within the system of Droit Administratif. How does the institutional separation of the administrative judiciary from the ordinary courts reflect the historical and philosophical underpinnings of public law in France?
3. Compare and contrast the models of Constitutional Review as practiced by the Supreme Court of the United States and the Supreme Court of India.

Section - C

4. Analyze the interaction between Public Law, the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, and the issue of homelessness in Canada. Discuss the arguments for and against judicial intervention in treating homelessness as a violation of Charter rights, particularly the right to life, liberty, and security of the person (Section 7) or equality rights.
5. Critically evaluate the challenges that the development and governance of "Smart Cities" pose to existing frameworks of Public Law.

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PAPER III : INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY  
RIGHTS  
TIME DURATION: ONE AND HALF HOUR  
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**Section - A**

**1. Compulsory**

**Write a short note on the following:**

- a. Infringement under the Patents Act, 1970.
  
- b. Importance of grant of geographical indications under the Act.

*Contd.....P.2*

**Section - B**

2. (a) ABC Public Ltd Company registered in India produces Ayurveda medicines. Its shareholders are made up of small groups of educational institutions who are doing research in the field of medicine and some are institutions outside India. ABC Public Ltd Company produces plants and plant products and medicinal formulations using plants grown in the Tabri community and are a part of their customary tradition and traditional knowledge. These formulations are available in the mainstream markets also. The local of the community contest that there is no “fair and equitable sharing of benefit sharing”. In light of the above facts discuss and decide the importance of “fair and equitable sharing of benefit sharing” and liability. (7.5)
- (b) Elucidate how the Local Biological Fund is responsible for conserving and promoting biodiversity within the local area.(7.5)
3. With the help of relevant case laws elucidate the ground for the grant of patent under the Patents Act, 1970.

**Section - C**

4. Write an explanatory note on the registration of geographical goods under the Geographical Indication of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999.
5. Discuss how the protection of traditional knowledge and traditional cultural expression takes place in India.
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PAPER III : INDIAN FEDERALISM AND  
CENTRE STATE RELATIONS  
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. All India Services and Centre-State Relations
- b. Functions of GST Council

*Contd.....P.2*

Section - B

2. Critically analyse the role of the Finance Commission of India in Centre-State financial relations. It has often been alleged that the formula for *inter-se* sharing of taxes is frequently changed to benefit politically relevant states. Analyse the statement and explain the constitutional perspective of the same.
3. Critically analyse the constitutional architecture for Goods and Service Tax in India.

Section - C

4. Socialist Party of India (SPI) won a landslide victory in recently concluded parliamentary elections by winning 380 seats in Lok Sabha. The newly formed Union government removed the Governors of fifteen states from their office on the ground that their ideology is not in sync with the ideology of the Union Government. Mr. Romesh Patialawala is one such Governor who challenged his removal from the office before the Supreme Court. Do you think he is likely to succeed? Discuss the constitutional provisions and the judicial decisions and decide.
  5. Inter-State River Water Disputes in India are frequent and the disposal of such disputes is time consuming affecting water federalism in India. Write a critique on the legal architecture for resolution of inter-state river water disputes in India.
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PAPER V : BANKING AND INSURANCE LAW  
TIME DURATION: ONE AND HALF HOUR  
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Attempt **one question** each from Section B and C each  
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**Section - A**

**1. Compulsory**

**Write short note on the following:**

- a. Ramesh executes an assignment of his policy in favour of his friend Suresh for Rs. 1,00,000. The insurer receives the assignment notice and records it. Ramesh dies two years later. Ramesh's wife claims the policy amount as nominee, while Suresh claims it as assignee. Discuss who is entitled to the policy proceeds, applying the rules relating to assignment under Section 38 of the Insurance Act, 1938.
- b. A motorcycle hits a pedestrian and causes serious injuries. The insurer argues that the policy had expired two days before the accident. Can the injured third party claim compensation? Discuss in the light of the present facts.

Section - B

2. Heera obtains a life insurance policy but deliberately hides the fact that he is a diabetic. He dies two years later due to cardiac arrest. The insurer repudiates the claim for non-disclosure of a material fact. Discuss whether the insurer is justified, applying the principle of utmost good faith.
3. Identify the proximate cause in the following situations:
  - a. An electrical short circuit causes a wire to heat up, producing sparks. The sparks ignite a curtain, leading to a fire. Water used by the fire brigade damages nearby furniture. The insurer argues that water and not the fire caused the damage. Identify the proximate cause and decide insurer's liability in fire insurance policy.
  - b. A man meets with a minor road accident and suffers a shoulder dislocation. During surgery, he suffers an adverse reaction to anaesthesia and dies. The insurer says the death was caused by anaesthesia, not accident. Identify the proximate cause and determine if the death is covered under accidental benefit.

Section - C

4. A chemical shop catches fire. The burning chemicals release toxic fumes that spread to the neighbouring school, causing corrosion to electronic equipment and damage to the classroom furniture. The school claims compensation from its insurer. The insurer argues that damage caused by "fumes and corrosive vapours" is not fire damage because the items were not burnt. Discuss whether the insurer is liable, applying the legal meaning of fire and the principle of incidental losses.
  5. A ship deviates from its designated route to save human life after receiving a distress signal. After performing the rescue, the vessel suffers damage from bad weather. The insurer refuses to pay, arguing that any deviation voids the policy. Discuss whether the deviation was justified or unjustified and examine the insurer's liability. Support your answer with legal principles.
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PAPER V : INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL  
LAW  
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**Section - A**

**1. Compulsory**

**Write short note on the following:**

- a. Special court for sierra Leona
- b. Complementary Jurisdiction of ICC

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Section - B

2. 'International Criminal Tribunal for former Yugoslavia and Rwanda (ICTY & ICTR) were against the principles of *Nullum Crimen Sine Lege*' and '*Nulla Poene Sine Lege*'. Explain.
3. "International Military Tribunals (Nuremberg and Tokyo Tribunals) were not so much international tribunals rather an allied forces tribunal." Comment

Section - C

4. A journalist approaches you for a comment on whether Mr. Vladimir Putin could be tried for committing war crimes and aggression in respect of Russia-Ukraine war. Under what circumstances ICC jurisdiction could be triggered?
  5. Explain the principle of individual criminal responsibility under Rome Statute of ICC. Also discuss the contribution of the ICC in criminal justice system.
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question carries **15 marks**.

**Section - A**

1. **Compulsory**

**Write short note on the following:**

- a. Distinguish the Proportionality rule from Wednesbury reasonable test with suitable case laws.
- b. The government suspends the passport of X without giving him an opportunity of hearing, citing urgency. X challenges the action as violative of natural justice. Discuss whether a post-decisional hearing can cure the defect, with the help of judicial precedents.

**Section - B**

2. Briefly explain the rule against bias as an essential component of natural justice. What are the main types of bias recognised in administrative law, and what tests do courts apply to determine whether bias exists?
3. Read the following problems and answer whether the authority's action is valid, giving reasons and citing relevant case law:
  - a. The Health Department immediately shuts down a private water-bottling plant after laboratory reports show dangerous contamination levels. The owner argues that his plant was sealed without any prior notice or hearing. Is the action justified? (5)
  - b. A statute authorizes the cancellation of arms licenses "without assigning reasons and without hearing" if the State believes it is necessary for public security. Using this power, the District Magistrate cancels Y's license. Can Y challenge the cancellation as violative of natural justice? (5)
  - c. The Intelligence Bureau denies security clearance to a company bidding for a sensitive defence contract. The reasons are not disclosed because they involve confidential threat-assessment inputs. Has the rule of audi alteram partem been breached?(5)

**Section - C**

4. Discuss the grounds of misuse of administrative discretion by administrative authorities with relevant illustrations and case laws.
  5. "Lokpal is a watchdog institution, but with limited teeth". Critical analyze this statement with reference to challenges faced by Lokpal and Lokayukta in India and suggestions to make these bodies more stringent and effective?
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PAPER VI: EMERGING AREAS OF  
CRIMINALITY  
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**Note:** Section-A is **compulsory** and each part carries **5 marks**.  
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question carries **15 marks**.

**Section - A**

**1. Compulsory**

**Write short note on the following:**

- a. Discuss how 'Honour killings' are violative of fundamental rights and freedoms with the help of one suitable case
- b. Differentiate between 'Child Cyber Bullying' and 'Child Grooming'.

### Section - B

2. Explain the meaning of 'Domestic Violence' from the perspective of the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005. Also discuss the contemporary trends in the application of this law with the help of decided cases.
3. *"The third gender people have faced bias and discrimination since ages"*. Discuss the above statement in the light of the judicial perspectives and legal reforms in our country.

### Section - C

4. How is the POCSO Act, 2012 different from the BNS, 2023 with regards to crime against children? Discuss the various offences under the POCSO Act along with the relevant judicial perspectives.
5. Explain the concept of 'Juvenile Justice' from the legislative and judicial perspectives. What changes have been introduced in this law post the Nirbhaya gang rape case of 2012 and what necessitated these changes?

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INTELLIGENCE  
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**Section - A**

**1. Compulsory**

**Write short note on the following:**

- a. Legality and enforceability of clickwrap agreements in India.
- b. The growing role of AI in legal research and legal education.

Section - B

2. “The doctrinal framework of Indian copyright law—grounded in human authorship, and ex-post remedies struggles to address the algorithmic, and rapidly disseminated nature of deepfakes.” Evaluate this statement analysing the effectiveness of copyright remedies for the regulation of deepfake content in India.
3. The rapid advancement of precision health technologies has intensified the collection, processing, and interpretation of highly sensitive personal health data. As these technologies grow more integrated into healthcare systems, concerns regarding privacy and data security, have become increasingly prominent. In this context, examine the significance of the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023 in the protection of personal health data.

Section - C

4. With the increasing deployment of autonomous and AI-driven systems in sectors such as healthcare, finance, and transportation, questions arise regarding accountability when such systems cause harm. Critically analyse the issue of criminal liability in cases involving artificial intelligence, addressing the challenges in attributing *mens rea* and *actus reus* to AI, the applicability of existing criminal law doctrines, and suggest potential frameworks for holding developers, operators, or autonomous systems accountable under Indian law.
5. “Predictive policing represents a shift from reactive to anticipatory law enforcement, but this shift creates profound legal challenges.” In this light, explain the concept of predictive policing and analyse the legal issues arising from its adoption by law enforcement agencies in India.

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PAPER VI: CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT  
AND COMPETITION 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 C each  
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Section - A

1. Compulsory

Write short note on the following:

- a. Discuss the concept of *De- Minimus* Exemption in combinations with an illustration.
- b. Discuss the concept of Resale Price Maintenance with the help of a case law.

**Section - B**

2. Enactment of the MRTP Act 1969 was made at a time when India was consolidating nascent Public Sector Undertakings in India against the monopolies of private enterprises. With the economic liberalization of 1991 continuance of MRTP Act became questionable leading to passing of the Competition Act 2002 in Jan 2003. Elucidate with proper justification the transition between dissolution of MRTP regime and the beginning of the modern competition regime in India. Also discuss in light of the *Brahm Dutt vs Union of India* case that why was there a gap of five years between the passing of the Competition Act in 2003 and actual functioning starting from 2007?
3. ABC.in is an online portal of company ABC which is a ticket Service provider with a market share of 45% and is relied upon maximum for booking tickets of matches held at cricket stadiums PAN India. It entered into an agreement with the state cricketing Boards of 15 states with two major conditions:
  - i) Explicit restrictions requiring that all the matches held at stadiums of these states use ABC.in as the sole ticketing service provider
  - ii) ABC.in can increase or decrease the prices of the tickets at any given point of time without any prior approval of the state board.
  - iii) The state boards shall not allow any other online platform to sell the tickets in lieu of 30% profit sharing with ABC.in

Also, it was noticed that as per the pricing policy of the ABC.in published on their Official Website, with respect to these 15 stadiums, rounding off to the next higher multiple of Rs. 5 is included in base fare while booking the ticket. Base fare has two components, i.e. actual fare (the base fare arrived at before rounding off to the nearest multiple of Rs. 5) and total base fare (the base fare arrived at after rounding off to the nearest multiple of Rs.5). The Competition Commission of India has taken suo-moto cognizance of the matter and started the investigation. You are appointed as a DG in this case.

Determine on what grounds would you make investigation? File a report with respect to the relevant provisions of the Act.

**Section - C**

4. Has CCI adapted its enforcement practices in order to keep up with the pace of digital markets? Discuss in light of the recent Competition Law Amendments of 2023.
  5. Explain how the concept of killer acquisitions has influenced the introduction of deal value thresholds in competition law. Illustrate your answer with examples from India or other relevant jurisdictions.”
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