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Course Name – Legal Method

Course Code - BBALLB303

(Semester III)

Full Marks : 60**Time : 2:30 Hours**

[The figure in the margin indicates full marks. Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.]

Group-A

(Multiple Choice Type Question)

1 x 15=15

1. Choose the correct alternative from the following :

- (i) Who coined the term legal theory?
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| a) W. Friedman | b) Jenny F |
| c) R Richard | d) William P |
- (ii) Select the consequences of a society without any laws:
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| a) Increased social harmony and cooperation | b) Chaotic and unpredictable behavior |
| c) Improved individual freedoms and liberties | d) Stronger trust and reliance on moral principles |
- (iii) Identify the term that refers to the study and interpretation of law.
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| a) Jurisprudence | b) Legislature |
| c) Legislation | d) Judicial review |
- (iv) Identify the meaning of the latin term stare decisis.
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| a) Let the decision stand | b) Precedent overrules |
| c) Judicial discretion | d) Equal treatment under the law |
- (v) Identify the situation when a court can depart from a previous decision:
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| a) When it disagrees with the decision's outcome | b) When there is a change in societal values |
| c) When a different judge is presiding over the case | d) When the precedent is from a higher court |
- (vi) Choose a correct option. The customary law is most commonly found in the areas of :
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| a) Criminal law and constitutional law | b) Administrative law and international law |
| c) Contract law and tort law | d) Family law and property law |
- (vii) Identify the rule of interpretation that is most likely to be used when the words used in a statute are ambiguous.
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| a) Literal interpretation | b) Mischief rule |
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- c) Golden rule
- d) Purposive interpretation
- (viii) Identify the rule of interpretation that is most likely to be used when the words used in a statute are ambiguous and there is a clear legislative intent.
 - a) Literal interpretation
 - b) Mischief rule
 - c) Golden rule
 - d) Purposive interpretation
- (ix) Choose the correct comparison of the supremacy of the Constitution in India and the United Kingdom:
 - a) The Constitution is supreme in India, but the Parliament is supreme in the United Kingdom.
 - b) The Constitution is supreme in both India and the United Kingdom.
 - c) The Parliament is supreme in both India and the United Kingdom.
 - d) The Judiciary is supreme in both India and the United Kingdom.
- (x) Identify the organ of government that is responsible for upholding the rule of law.
 - a) The legislative branch
 - b) The executive branch
 - c) The judicial branch
 - d) All of these
- (xi) Select from the following that is NOT a benefit of the separation of powers:
 - a) Prevents the concentration of power
 - b) Promotes accountability
 - c) Protects individual rights
 - d) Reduces government efficiency
- (xii) Predict the role of Lok Adalats/Village Courts in the Indian judicial system.
 - a) Provide alternate dispute resolution at the village level
 - b) Overrule judgments of lower courts
 - c) Try criminal cases at the village level
 - d) Appoint District Judges
- (xiii) Select the definition of the Rule of Ejusdem Generis.
 - a) A rule of statutory interpretation that states that general words following specific words of a distinct category should be interpreted to have the same meaning as the specific words.
 - b) A rule of statutory interpretation that states that the literal meaning of a statute should be followed.
 - c) A rule of statutory interpretation that states that the intent of the legislature should be given priority over the literal meaning of a statute.
 - d) None of these
- (xiv) Choose the best definition of the Rule of Reasonable Construction.
 - a) A rule of statutory interpretation that requires courts to construe statutes in a way that gives effect to the legislative intent.
 - b) A rule of statutory interpretation that requires courts to construe statutes in a way that is consistent with the common law.
 - c) A rule of statutory interpretation that requires courts to construe statutes in a way that is consistent with the Constitution.
 - d) None of these
- (xv) Complete the following sentence: The most authoritative source of legal information is a _____.
 - a) Primary source.
 - b) Secondary source.
 - c) Tertiary source.
 - d) None of these

Group-B

(Short Answer Type Questions)

3 x 5=15

- 2. Interpret the nature of law with suitable examples. (3)
- 3. Explain ratio descendi. (3)
- 4. Construct a note on the purpose of statutes. (3)
- 5. Outline three features of the constitution of India. (3)

6. Examine the objective of legal research. (3)

OR

Examine the phrase ejusdem generis. (3)

Group-C

(Long Answer Type Questions)

5 x 6=30

7. Demonstrate the parts of a judicial decision. (5)

8. Explain the golden rule of interpretation. (5)

9. Discover the historical development and functions of equity in the legal system. (5)

10. Compare primary sources of law with secondary sources, illustrating their respective roles. (5)

11. Discuss the relationship between rule of law and the independence of the judiciary. (5)

12. Classify the different types of research. (5)

OR

Evaluate the importance of socio-legal research in the Indian context. (5)

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