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Course Name – Legal Method

Course Code - BALLB303

( 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) Determine the primary function of law in society.
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| a) To enforce punishment on individuals       | b) To maintain social order and stability      |
| c) To promote personal freedoms and liberties | d) To control the actions of political leaders |
- (ii) Name one key characteristic of public law.
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| a) Deals with disputes between private individuals. | b) Governs the relationship between the state and individuals. |
| c) Primarily concerns contractual agreements.       | d) Focuses on international trade.                             |
- (iii) Choose the term that refers to a body of law derived from custom and judicial decisions.
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| a) Civil law    | b) Common law        |
| c) Criminal law | d) International law |
- (iv) 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 |
- (v) Select the true statement regarding legislation and judicial decisions-
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| a) Legislation is always superior to judicial decisions                     | b) Judicial decisions can never override legislation        |
| c) Legislation can be invalidated by courts if it violates the constitution | d) Judicial decisions are binding on the legislative branch |
- (vi) Select the statement which is true regarding the hierarchy of sources of law-
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| a) Customary law always supersedes statutory law.           | b) Customary law is always subordinate to constitutional law.             |
| c) Customary law and statutory law are of equal importance. | d) The hierarchy of sources of law varies across different legal systems. |
- (vii) Identify the object of interpretation.

- a) To ascertain the meaning of the words used in a statute.      b) To determine the intention of the legislature.
- c) To apply the law to the facts of a particular case.      d) To ensure that the law is just and equitable.
- (viii) Select the rule of interpretation that is most likely to be used when the words used in a statute are ambiguous and there is no clear legislative intent.
- a) Literal interpretation      b) Mischief rule  
 c) Golden rule      d) Purposive interpretation
- (ix) Identify the organ of government that has the power of judicial review:
- a) The legislative branch      b) The executive branch  
 c) The judicial branch      d) None of these
- (x) Choose the correct definition of the rule of law.
- a) The rule of law is the idea that everyone is subject to the law, including the government.      b) The rule of law is the idea that everyone has the same rights under the law.  
 c) The rule of law is the idea that the law is fair and just.      d) All of these
- (xi) Identify the challenges to maintaining the separation of powers in India.
- a) Political interference      b) Judicial corruption  
 c) Executive overreach      d) All of these
- (xii) Name the court which is the highest judicial body at the state level.
- a) High Courts      b) District Courts  
 c) Supreme Court      d) Lok Adalats/Village Courts
- (xiii) Identify the most common mistake made by students when conducting legal research.
- a) Failing to identify the legal issue.      b) Failing to locate the relevant legal authority.  
 c) Failing to evaluate the legal authority.      d) Failing to cite the legal authority.
- (xiv) 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
- (xv) Choose the most appropriate technique for conducting legal research on a complex legal issue.
- a) Boolean searching.      b) Citation searching.  
 c) Key word searching.      d) Topic searching.

**Group-B**

(Short Answer Type Questions)

3 x 5=15

2. State the relationship between law and society. (3)
3. Develop a short note on the primary sources of legal research and jot down its significance in the legal research process. (3)
4. Illustrate the difference between Judicial and Quasi- judicial Body. (3)
5. Build a note on the essence of the Golden Rule of Interpretation. (3)
6. Interpret on Collegium system. (3)

OR

Explain Impeachment Procedure of a Judge. (3)

**Group-C**

(Long Answer Type Questions)

5 x 6=30

7. Explain the role of morality in the development of law. (5)

8. Explain the advantages and disadvantages of legislation as a source of law, providing insights into its efficacy and limitations. (5)
9. Explain the exceptions to the concept of the Rule of Law and how they impact the legal and social framework. (5)
10. Compare and distinguish between the binding value of judicial precedents in different levels of courts. (5)
11. Explain the three kinds of interpretation: Literal, Mischief, and Golden Rule. (5)
12. Discuss the implications of "De Jure" recognition in law. (5)

**OR**

Explain the Rule of Ejusdem Generis in statutory interpretation. (5)

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