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**HIMACHAL PRADESH NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY
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End-Term Examinations, December 2024

Paper Code: LB-101 Subject: Law of Torts, MV Act & Consumer Protection Act

B.A/B.B.A.LL.B. 1st Semester

12th December, 2024

Time: 3 Hour

Maximum Marks: 50

Instructions:

- 1. Section-A is compulsory consisting of Six short questions carrying three marks each. Attempt any Four Questions from Section-B. Each question in Section-B carries eight marks.*
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SECTION-A (Short-Answer Type)

(6x03=18Marks)

Q.1 Short Answer Type Questions:

- a) A hired a bicycle from B. The written contract contained a clause which read. "Nothing in this agreement shall render the owner liable to injuries to the rider of the machine hired." Owing to a defect in the breaks of cycle, A, met with an accident and got injured. Can A remove while making a distinction between contractual liability and tortious liability?

- b)** Mr. R, celebrated the birthday of his son where firecrackers were used. During the display of fireworks, a Rocket fell into a crowd of children who had gathered there to witness the show. The fiery rocket landed upon S who, to protect himself, caught it and deliriously threw it away from himself. It fell upon Y who then passed it on precisely same manner till it at last burst on P's face who, as a result, receive burns on his face. P sues R who denies his liability as damage suffered by P is too remote' a consequence of his act. Decide.
- c)** A motor car race was held at disco land on a track owned by D. During the race there was a collision between two cars, one of which was thrown among the spectators, thereby injuring P. P sues D to claim damages for injuries suffered by him. D pleads '*volenti no fit injuria*'. Decide.
- d)** Rahul purchases a smartphone online, but it arrives with a defective screen. Despite repeated complaints, the e-commerce platform refuses to replace the product. Under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019, what steps can Rahul take to resolve his grievance?
- e)** Pooja, a pedestrian, was injured in an accident caused by a truck. The truck owner claims that the accident was not the driver's fault and refuses to pay compensation. Can Pooja claim compensation under the no-fault liability principle of the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2019.
- f)** Ravi was critically injured in a road accident and required immediate medical attention. However, the hospital refused to treat him, stating he could not pay upfront fees. Discuss the role of the 'Golden Hour Theory' under the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2019, and explain if Ravi's rights were violated.

SECTION-B (Long-Answer/Descriptive/Analytical Type)

(4x08=32Marks)

Q.2 Gauri, aged 6 years, was residing with her parents in a residential quarter attached to the. Shakti Nagar Telephone Exchange, Delhi-9. The defendant Union of India, had installed a water pump in room near the residence quarter. The equipment was attended by a person retained to look after pump though while it was running. On 11-8-1994 Gauri was playing in the compound along with other children of the residential quarter. The water pump though running was lying open and unattended. Gauri did not realise the of the danger and went in the pump room. The moving wheel of the motor allured her and she put her hand on the belt of the pump, which was also without cover. Gauri suffered injuries and the two fingers of her right hand were completely damaged. Gauri files a suit through her father claiming damages. state the law. Decide, giving reasons.

Q.3 C, a fourteen-year-old child, was riding a bicycle. Suddenly, he lost his balance and fell on the road. C was crushed under a car coming from behind, as the. driver of the car (D) failed to apply brakes immediately. C was taken to a nearby hospital where he was declared brought dead. N, a neighbour of C, saw the accident and sustained nervous shock. C's. mother 'M' was informed about the accident on phone. She reached the hospital an hour later and saw C's badly mutilated dead body, as a result of which she sustained nervous shock. Discuss the liability of D for the nervous shock sustained by N and M.

Q.4 Dr. Ravi, a renowned surgeon, performed a surgery on Anita, promising a full recovery within a month. However, Anita faced complications due to improper post-operative care advice. Dr. Ravi refused to address her grievances, claiming that the results were not guaranteed. Analyze Anita's case under the Consumer Protection

Act, 2019, using relevant case law. Discuss whether professional services like medical treatment are covered under the Act, her rights, and the remedies available. How do the new provisions of the Act enhance her ability to seek redress compared to the previous Act of 1986?

Q.5 Amit, a motorcyclist, died in an accident involving a state transport bus. Amit's family seeks compensation under the no-fault liability provisions of the Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act, 2019. Analyze the principle of no-fault liability. Discuss the statutory compensation amounts for death and injury under the Act and explain how this principle differs from fault-based liability. Highlight how the 2019 amendments have impacted the rights of victims and their families in such cases.

Q.6 A ask for a lift from a motorist B. A is told by B: "I am not an expert driver and I am without a driving license too. You may travel at your own risk". A travel with B. Later, the motor vehicle collides with a bus due to defective breaks of B's vehicle. A sues B for injuries suffered by him in the accident. B takes the plea of *volenti non-fit injuria*. Decide.

Q.7 A grows on his land poisonous plants. He constructs a seven feet high wall to ensure that the branches of the plants do not cross the boundary of his land. In spite of this the branches of the plants cross the boundary and are eaten by two horses of B and the horses die in consequence thereof. Can B claim damages Will it make any difference to your answer if the horses had entered the land of A and then eaten the plants?

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Subject: Legal Methods, Methodology and Legal Writing

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14th December, 2024

Time: 3 Hour

Maximum Marks: 50

Instructions:

- 1. Section-A is compulsory consisting of Six short questions carrying three marks each. Attempt any Four Questions from Section-B. Each question in Section-B carries eight marks.*
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SECTION-A (Short-Answer Type)

(6x03=18Marks)

Q.1 Short Answer Type Questions:

- a) What is the role of hypothesis in research, how is it different from the research question?**
- b) What do you mean by ‘pleasure of benevolence’ and ‘pleasure of malevolence’ and its relation with Utilitarianism.**

- c) What is the relevance of legal theory in law? Why it is said that theory is the foundation of legal practice, discuss with examples.
- d) What do you mean by delegated legislation? To what extent the delegation of legislative power to the executive violates principle of separation of power?
- e) While commenting upon the 'Language and Supreme Court' discuss the official language of the Supreme Court and its relation with access to justice.
- f) While explaining the difference between footnote and endnote provide proper footnotes format in bluebook or any other style (with the name) of the following:
 - (i) Book: James Bryce, Roland Dworkin, studies in constitutional history and jurisprudence, 2003, ed. 5, oxford publication, page 243-245.
 - (ii) Journal Article: Daljit Singh, desirability of instant divorce by the judiciary: a critique, 2004, Journal of Indian Legal Institute, vol. 3, page 123.

SECTION-B (Long-Answer/Descriptive/Analytical Type)

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Q.2 In a case of *Suraj v Vinod*, SCR 1914 (2024), Suraj, the appellant, was convicted under the charges of theft after a trial where the only evidence presented was circumstantial. The prosecution argued that Suraj was the only person who could have committed the theft, given the location of the crime and his proximity to the scene. As a result of this Suraj filed an appeal, claiming that a conviction based solely on circumstantial evidence violated his right to a fair trial under the Constitution. The case leads to formulation of two main issues, i.e. whether circumstantial evidence alone is sufficient to

secure a conviction for theft and whether the trial court erred in not giving enough weight to Smith's alibi defense.

The court delivered the judgment where Justice Chanderkant emphasized that the conviction of Suraj was based on a careful evaluation of the circumstantial evidence presented by the prosecution. The court affirmed the principle that circumstantial evidence, if compelling and leading to a reasonable inference of guilt, and therefore it can be sufficient to sustain a conviction. It was stated by the judge, "It is well established in law that where the circumstantial evidence, when taken together, establishes a clear and unequivocal connection between the accused and the crime, it can be sufficient for a conviction. The fact that direct evidence is absent does not, in itself, make the circumstantial evidence inadmissible. The conviction in this case, based on circumstantial evidence, is therefore legally valid." While addressing the Suraj's claim about the alibi defense, Justice Chanderkant remarked: "While Suraj's alibi was not adequately substantiated, we recognize that the application of the 'beyond a reasonable doubt' standard should always take into account the possibility that the accused may have been elsewhere. However, in this case, the prosecution's circumstantial evidence was sufficiently compelling to rebut Suraj's alibi. We note, however, that in future cases, courts may wish to be cautious when considering alibis, and take into account the potential for more sophisticated methods of verifying alibi claims, such as digital evidence." Finally, it was concluded that, it is high time for the legislature to consider whether the current rules surrounding circumstantial evidence and alibi defense need to be reformed. While the law in this area is settled, the use of modern technologies in evidence gathering could significantly change how we approach these issues in the future. Thus, the court unanimously upheld the conviction, affirming that circumstantial evidence can form the basis of a conviction if it is strong and

conclusive. The appeal was dismissed.

The judgment discussed above consists of the *obiter dicta* and *ratio decidendi*, while explaining the significance and role of both expressions, discuss precedent as a source of law. Further, identify the *ratio decidendi* and separate it from the *obiter dicta* in the given judgment. Support your answer with the help of readings and case illustrations.

Q.3 Over the past decade, many countries and states within countries have taken steps to decriminalize or legalize cannabis for recreational use. While these legislative changes are often hailed as progressive and beneficial for public health and criminal justice reform, they also raise numerous legal and social challenges. These include concerns about the impact of cannabis legalization on public health, crime rates, economic factors, and societal norms.

In country X, a recent referendum passed a law legalizing the recreational use of cannabis for adults aged 21 and over. The law allows individuals to purchase cannabis from licensed dispensaries, consume it in private spaces, and cultivate a limited number of plants for personal use. However, the law is not without controversy. Critics argue that legalization may lead to an increase in substance abuse, driving under the influence (DUI) incidents, and youth access to cannabis. Supporters, on the other hand, contend that legalization will reduce the burden on the criminal justice system, eliminate the black market, and generate tax revenue for the government. There has been growing concern about how this new legal landscape will impact communities, particularly vulnerable populations such as adolescents, low-income individuals, and people of color, who have been disproportionately affected by past drug laws. Additionally, while many have expressed optimism about the economic benefits of cannabis legalization, questions remain about the regulation of the industry, advertising practices,

and the potential risks of normalizing cannabis use in society. As the new law takes effect, social scientists, policymakers, and legal scholars are keen to understand how the legalization of recreational cannabis affects both the legal system and broader social norms. This is the reason the law department of the country has invited research proposals from young law students on this matter. While analyzing the aforementioned proposition frame a research proposal with specific mentioning of statement of problem; research objectives; research methodology for the work.

Q.4 A government has enacted a new law that criminalizes certain forms of protest, arguing that maintaining public order is essential for the stability of society. Activists, however, argue that this law violates fundamental human rights and moral principles, which they claim are rooted in natural law. They contended that individuals have a moral right to protest against injustices, regardless of the legality of the law. On the other hand, the government's contention was that maintenance of law and order is prime function of the state and the new laws are for fulfilling the said purpose. Further, according to state it is the duty of the citizen to abide by the rules and violation of the same is punishable offence. Moreover, state is of the opinion that if safety and security is not maintained, there is no scope for enjoying right to freedom. Thus, it serves as a pre condition to freedom. The matter was placed in the Supreme Court for the final hearing, which will be followed by the judgment. As judge to the case, how will you address the matter? What would be your inclination towards administering justice? Do you think newly enacted laws were higher and supreme in comparison with the individual's rights? Elaborate your answer while emphasizing at law and morality discourse and its connection with justice. Elaborate your answer with the help of appropriate readings.

Q.5 One Mahesh and his family approached the *Lok Adalat* seeking resolution for a land dispute with their neighbor. The dispute was regarding cultivation of small portion of the land, which both Mahesh and his neighbor Govind claim as their property. The quarrel arose when wife of Govind uprooted the vegetable plants, cultivated by Mahesh's family. As a result of this Mahesh approached the local police station, where the head of station directed him to approach *Lok Adalat*, which is scheduled for that week. While Mahesh was eager to resolve the matter through this mechanism, he was concerned about the fairness of the process and the possibility of being pressured into an unfavorable settlement due to their lack of legal knowledge and resources. While analyzing the proposition discuss the role of *Lok Adalat* in administering justice. What measures you think are needed for improving the system so that the confidence of marginalized section can be boosted. Elaborate your answer with the help of examples.

Q.6 In contemporary times the ambit of legislative drafting and legal practice has grown very wider. This directly relates to widening the scope of legal research. Moreover, with increasing reliance on digital resources, databases and institutionalized frame works, the nature of legal research has become interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary. This is also important to dilute the single dominated discourse, which is the need of the hour in diversified and inclusive world. While elaborating on the proposition discuss the interdisciplinary research methods. How the said approach is relevant in the time Artificial Intelligence?

Q.7 In the country named Alexia, a new Equality (Equal Opportunity) and Accessible Justice Act, 2024 was enacted to promote the rights of sexual minorities including LGBTQIA+ individuals. The Act ensures their equal protection under the law. Despite the Act's provisions, LGBTQIA+ individuals continue to face significant challenges when seeking justice, particularly in cases involving discrimination, hate crimes, and family law disputes. Following are certain situations leading to such discrimination, while analyzing the same discuss the concept of access to justice and its significance. Further, investigate the possibilities of resolving the following situations through Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanism. Do you think ADR can be an impactful tool for marginalized and deprived section of the society?

A) Situation

In a recent incident, James, a transgender person, was fired from the job after revealing her gender identity to the employer. She files a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Cell (EEOC), but the process is delayed for over ten months, and James feels that the delay is due to bias and a lack of understanding of transgender issues by the staff of the Cell. Additionally, James faces harassment by co-workers during the investigation, further complicating her ability to access justice.

B) Situation

David and Miller, a same-sex couple, have been living together for five years and recently decided to start a family by adopting a child. However, they are facing significant barriers in their attempt to adopt due to discriminatory attitudes from both the adoption agency and some legal practitioners. The agency refuses to process their application on the grounds of their sexual orientation, and when David and Miller try to file a lawsuit, they encounter further delays and prejudice from legal professionals who question the suitability of same-sex couples as parents.

Situation

Abrahi, a non-binary person, was subjected to a hate crime on the street, where they were physically assaulted and verbally harassed. When Abrahi reported the incident to the police, the officers dismissed the case, claiming that the situation was too “complicated” to investigate properly and that the victim’s gender identity was irrelevant. The police offered no support, and Abrahi was left feeling that their safety and dignity had been violated without recourse.

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17th December, 2024

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Instructions:

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SECTION-A (Short-Answer Type)

(6x03=18Marks)

Q.1 Short Answer Type Questions:

- a) How each stage in the communication process can be impacted by different barriers?**
- b) Briefly discuss the three key strategies to engage your audience effectively during a presentation.**

- c) Briefly explain the following legal terms:

Allegation, Amnesty, Bench warrant, Bequeath, Corpus, Defamation.

- d) Read the cloze test and fill the blanks with appropriate Prepositions:

Tom was very excited about his trip to the mountains. He had been planning the hike ____ (1) months and had finally packed all his gear. Early in the morning, he left his house and walked ____ (2) the bus stop. The weather was perfect – not too hot, and not too cold. He arrived ____ (3) the bus station just in time to catch the bus that would take him to the trailhead. When he reached the mountain, Tom and his friends set up camp ____ (4) a beautiful spot near a stream. They spent the day hiking ____ (5) the forest, taking pictures, and enjoying the fresh air. As the sun began to set, they gathered around the campfire and talked ____ (6) the day's adventure.

- e) You are the team leader of a project at work, and you need to inform your team members about an important meeting scheduled for next week. Write a formal email inviting them to the meeting, including the agenda, date, time, and location.

- f) Write short notes on:

Phonetics, Consonant sounds, Vowel sounds, Monophthong, Diphthong, and Syllable.

SECTION-B (Long-Answer/Descriptive/Analytical Type)

(4x08=32Marks)

Q.2 Discuss the relationship between law and language, highlighting the unique features of Legal English. Discuss the challenges posed by Legal English to non-native speakers and legal professionals, and possible strategies for overcoming these challenges.

Q.3 "In what ways does Vygotsky's theory of language acquisition, with its emphasis on social interaction and culture, differ from Chomsky's Nativist approach? How does Vygotsky's notion of 'scaffolding' further illuminate the role of social context in language learning, and what implications do this have for teaching practices?"

Q.4 A. Convert the following direct speech sentences into indirect speech.

- (i) "I would have helped you if you had asked me," she said.
- (ii) "We are planning a surprise party for Jane next week," John said.
- (iii) "I've been waiting for you for over an hour," he told her.
- (iv) "Where did you buy that beautiful dress?" she asked him.
- (v) "You must be joking! I can't believe you're serious," he said incredulously.
- (vi) "I might not be able to make it to the meeting tomorrow," she said.
- (vii) "If I had known about the traffic, I would have left earlier," he told her.
- (viii) "It's too late to go for a walk now," she said with a sigh.

B. Fill in the blanks with the correct question tag.

- (i) She's coming to the party, _____?
- (ii) They don't like pizza, _____?

- (iii) John can speak French, _____?
- (iv) You've finished your homework, _____?
- (v) It's a beautiful day, _____?
- (vi) We should leave now, _____?
- (vii) He isn't going to the concert, _____?
- (viii) There's a meeting tomorrow, _____?

Q.5 A. Read the passage and answer the questions that follow:

In recent years, the proliferation of technology has dramatically reshaped the way individuals interact with one another. From social media platforms to instant messaging apps, technology has revolutionized communication, making it easier for people to connect across vast distances. However, while this shift has undeniably made communication faster and more convenient, it has also sparked significant debate about its effects on human relationships, particularly regarding the quality of interactions.

One of the primary concerns is that technology has led to a reduction in face-to-face communication. The rise of texting and online communication has resulted in many people opting for virtual conversations over in-person meetings. While these virtual exchanges offer convenience, they often lack the depth and emotional connection that face-to-face interactions provide. Body language, facial expressions, and tone of voice—elements crucial to understanding true emotions—are often lost in digital conversations, leading to misunderstandings and shallow exchanges.

Moreover, technology has been criticized for contributing to the erosion of social skills. As people spend more time engaging with screens, they may find it increasingly difficult to engage in meaningful conversations in person. The overuse of digital devices can foster isolation, as individuals may become absorbed in their online lives at the expense of nurturing real-world relationships.

Studies have shown that excessive screen time can lead to feelings of loneliness and social detachment, particularly among younger generations who have grown up in a world where digital communication is the norm.

However, it is important to recognize that technology is not inherently detrimental to human relationships. In fact, when used mindfully, it can serve as a tool for strengthening bonds. For example, long-distance relationships are often maintained through video calls, social media, and other communication platforms that would have been impossible just a few decades ago. Technology has also provided a platform for marginalized groups to connect and support each other, forming communities that might not have existed otherwise.

Ultimately, the key to navigating the impact of technology on relationships lies in balance. While it is essential to embrace technological advancements, it is equally important to preserve the value of face-to-face interactions and the deep, meaningful connections that come from them. By finding a healthy balance between digital and personal communication, individuals can enjoy the best of both worlds.

- (i) What is the central concern regarding the use of technology in communication?
 - (a) It has made communication too difficult.
 - (b) It has caused people to rely solely on face-to-face communication.
 - (c) It has diminished the quality of personal interactions.
 - (d) It has made social media platforms obsolete.

- (ii) According to the passage, what is a key element of face-to-face communication that is often lost in virtual interactions?
- (a) Convenience.
 - (b) Body language and tone of voice.
 - (c) Frequency of interaction.
 - (d) Social isolation.
- (iii) How has technology contributed to the erosion of social skills, according to the passage?
- (a) It has made people more social in real life.
 - (b) It encourages deep, meaningful conversations.
 - (c) It leads to people spending more time on screens than engaging in person.
 - (d) It makes in-person meetings more convenient.
- (iv) What has research shown about the relationship between screen time and social well-being?
- (a) Excessive screen time has no impact on social relationships.
 - (b) More screen time leads to more face-to-face interactions.
 - (c) Excessive screen time can cause loneliness and social detachment.
 - (d) Screen time has improved relationships for younger generations.
- (v) What is one positive aspect of technology mentioned in the passage?
- (a) It has eliminated face-to-face communication entirely.
 - (b) It fosters isolation and loneliness.
 - (c) It enables long-distance relationships to thrive.
 - (d) It has made people less reliant on digital communication.

(vi) What does the author suggest as the solution to the challenges posed by technology?

- (a) Avoiding the use of digital devices altogether.
- (b) Embracing technology while ensuring in-person interactions remain valuable.
- (c) Encouraging only virtual communication.
- (d) Focusing exclusively on face-to-face meetings.

(vii) Which group has particularly benefited from technology, according to the passage?

- (a) People who dislike face-to-face interaction.
- (b) Marginalized groups who form supportive online communities.
- (c) People who prefer traditional forms of communication.
- (d) People who avoid social media platforms.

(viii) Which of the following words is closest in meaning to "proliferation" as used in the passage?

- (a) Decline.
- (b) Increase.
- (c) Elimination.
- (d) Stagnation.

B. Write a précis of the above passage in strict adherence to the rules.

The importance of reading books cannot be overstated. Books have always been a rich source of knowledge and wisdom, and they continue to provide insights into the world around us. Unlike other forms of media, such as television or social media, books allow readers to immerse themselves in a subject and develop a deeper understanding of it. Reading stimulates the mind, improves concentration, and enhances vocabulary. It also helps to cultivate

imagination and creativity. Moreover, reading encourages empathy by allowing us to experience the world from different perspectives. In an age where technology often dominates our attention, setting aside time to read a good book can be a great way to relax and expand one's horizons.

Q.6 "Social media has a significant impact on our lives, both positively and negatively. Do the benefits of social media outweigh its drawbacks? Discuss your stance on this issue and support your argument with relevant examples and evidence." The argumentative essay must not exceed 2000 words.

Q.7 "Create an IPA chart and provide three examples for each sound. Underline the primary sound in each word."

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SECTION-A (Short-Answer Type)

(6x03=18Marks)

Q.1 Short Answer Type Questions:

- a) “Whoever you are or want to be, you may not be interested in Politics but Politics is interested in you”. In the light of this statement discuss the relationship between individual and the political structures.

- b) What challenges do welfare states face in the modern era, including debates over the sustainability of social programs, the role of government, and the balance between individual responsibility and state intervention?
- c) How do theories like the Social Contract, proposed by Hobbes, Locke, and Rousseau, explain the origin of the state and its legitimacy over individuals?
- d) How does classical liberalism's emphasis on free markets and limited government intervention?
- e) How has the idea of democracy adapted in the face of modern challenges like globalization, digital communication, and rising populism, and what does this mean for the future of democratic governance?
- f) Write a short note on the difference between Liberal and Socialist Democracy.

SECTION-B (Long-Answer/Descriptive/Analytical Type)

(4x08=32Marks)

Q.2 “Generally speaking there are three great topics with which Political Science has to deal-State, Government and Law”. In the light of this statement discuss the scope of political science and its relevance in contemporary period.

Q.3 “State is a community of persons more or less numerous, permanently occupying a definite portion of territory, independent or nearly so of external control and possessing an organized government to which the great body of inhabitants render habitual obedience.” In the light of this statement by James W Garner,

discuss the essential elements of the state. Which of these elements in your opinion is more important than the others?

Q.4 What role did historical events, such as the transition from tribal societies to organized civilizations, play in the development of the state according to the Evolutionary Theory?

Q.5 “Democracy is a form of Government in which the governing body is comparatively a large fraction of the entire action”. In the light of this observation by Dicey, discuss the concept of democracy and its kinds.

Q.6 What role do political parties, interest groups, and social movements play in facilitating or hindering political participation, and how do they shape the quality of representation in government?

Q.7 How do elites maintain their control in democratic societies through mechanisms like control of the media, political parties, and institutions, and how does this impact policy-making and representation?

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SECTION-A (Short-Answer Type)

(6x03=18Marks)

Q.1 Short Answer Type Questions:

- a) How did the political and cultural interactions between the Parthians and Kushans influence the development of trade routes and cultural exchange in ancient Central Asia and India?
- b) What were the main features of Harsha's administration and societal reforms, and how did they contribute to his efforts in consolidating and expanding his empire?

- c) How did Akbar's implementation of the *Mansab* system and his land revenue reforms contribute to the centralization of Mughal administration and enhance relations with the Rajputs?
- d) What were the key factors and strategies that facilitated the expansion of British control over India, and how did these actions shape the political landscape of the subcontinent?
- e) How did the *Brahmo Samaj* and *Arya Samaj* contribute to social reform and religious renewal in 19th-century India, and what were their key differences in approach?
- f) How did the Indian National Congress's strategies and the rise of revolutionary terrorism shape the political landscape and resistance against British rule, particularly in the context of the partition of Bengal?

SECTION-B (Long-Answer/Descriptive/Analytical Type)

(4x08=32Marks)

Q.2 How did the economic and political structures of *Vedic* society evolve from the *Rigvedic* to the later *Vedic* period, and what does this transition reveal about changes in social organization and state formation? Historians like Romila Thapar argue that the Rigvedic economy was primarily pastoral and decentralized, with social organization centered around tribal assemblies and chieftains. In contrast, the later *Vedic* period saw the emergence of agrarian economies and more complex political structures, including the formation of *janapadas* (kingdoms) and the establishment of a *varna* system that reinforced social hierarchies. This shift, characterized by increased agrarian activity and the consolidation of political power, indicates a move towards a more structured and stratified society. How do these changes reflect broader trends in economic development and state formation in ancient India, according to contemporary historiographical interpretations?

- Q.3** Romila Thapar argues that civilizations are often described as having a "Golden Age" when all aspects of life—political, cultural, and economic—reach a peak of excellence. How does this concept apply to the Gupta period in India? Specifically, how did the Gupta era exemplify this notion of a Golden Age through its advancements in art, literature, and science, alongside political stability and economic prosperity? What were the key achievements and developments during the Gupta period that reflect this peak of excellence, and how do these accomplishments illustrate the broader idea of a civilization's Golden Age as described by Thapar?
- Q.4** How did Balban's policies and administrative reforms shape the consolidation and stability of the Delhi Sultanate, and what do these measures reveal about his approach to governance? Historian Irfan Habib argue that Balban's reign was marked by significant efforts to centralize power and enforce strict control over his administration. How do these reforms reflect Balban's broader objectives in managing the political complexities and regional autonomy within the Delhi Sultanate?
- Q.5** How did the revolt of 1857 reflect the socio-political tensions and grievances of various Indian communities, and what does this uprising reveal about the broader dynamics of colonial resistance? Historians like Seema Alavi argue that the revolt was not merely a mutiny by sepoys but a complex, multi-faceted uprising involving diverse groups with distinct grievances. While military dissatisfaction was a significant factor, the revolt also encompassed broader socio-economic and political discontent, including issues of land revenue, cultural and religious insensitivity, and the erosion of local autonomy. How did the different causes and participants of the revolt illustrate the widespread discontent with British colonial rule, and how did this event shape subsequent British policies and attitudes towards India, according to recent scholarly interpretations?

Q.6 How did Sher Shah Suri's administrative reforms and military conquests contribute to the stability and efficiency of his empire, and what do these achievements reveal about his governance strategy? Historians like Irfan Habib highlight that Sher Shah Suri's administration was marked by significant innovations, including the introduction of a standardized currency, a revamped land revenue system, and an efficient postal network. His military conquests, which included the strategic capture of key territories and the implementation of rigorous fortification measures, not only expanded his empire but also reinforced his control over it. How do these administrative and military strategies reflect Sher Shah Suri's approach to statecraft and his efforts to consolidate power, and how did they lay the groundwork for the subsequent Mughal administration?

Q.7 How did Gandhi's Non-Cooperation, Civil Disobedience, and Quit India Movements shape the Indian independence struggle, and what do these movements reveal about Gandhi's strategy for mobilizing mass support and challenging British rule? Historians like Bipan Chandra argue that Gandhi's approach was characterized by a blend of non-violent resistance and mass mobilization, aiming to undermine British authority while uniting diverse social groups. The Non-Cooperation Movement sought to boycott British institutions, the Civil Disobedience Movement targeted colonial laws through non-violent defiance, and the Quit India Movement demanded an immediate end to British rule. How did these movements reflect Gandhi's evolving tactics and the broader context of Indian political activism, and what were their impacts on both the colonial government and the Indian populace?

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End-Term Examinations, December 2024

Paper Code: BL-102

Subject: Sociology-I (Introductory Sociology)

B.A.LL.B. 1st Semester

21st December, 2024

Time: 3 Hour

Maximum Marks: 50

Instructions:

- 1. Section-A is compulsory consisting of Six short questions carrying three marks each. Attempt any Four Questions from Section-B. Each question in Section-B carries eight marks.*
- 2. This Question Paper contains total of three printed pages.*
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SECTION-A (Short-Answer Type)

(6x03=18Marks)

Q.1 Short Answer Type Questions:

- a)** In which kinship relation, the maternal uncle is an extremely important male figure, even more important than the father? Also, explain its major features.
- b)** What are the major contributions of Emile Durkheim to sociology? In what ways social facts are like a 'Thing' according to Durkheim? Discuss with examples.

- c) How endogamy and exogamy are connected to each other? Whether these practices are still prevalent in contemporary society?
- d) Is there any relationship between sociology and law? Discuss your answer by highlighting major differences and similarities between both the sciences.
- e) How Non-governmental organizations works as pressure groups? Discuss in brief with examples.
- f) What do sociologists mean by the concept of socialization? How are social skills, norms, and cultural values transmitted across generations?

SECTION-B (Long-Answer/Descriptive/Analytical Type)

(4x08=32Marks)

Q.2 A Sociologist, whom everyone considered in sociology a supporter of structural functionalism and who particularly emphasized on the dominance and importance of structure over agency. Discuss about his methodological contribution in detail. Also, elaborate the characteristics and principles of his methodology.

Q.3 To what extent according to you, family is an important institution of society? Are step families accepted as normal in contemporary Indian society? What kind of new social problems and social issues can you think that might arise for children growing up in such families? Discuss with examples.

- Q.4** On what basis social groups are categorized into primary and secondary groups. Elaborate different parameters of this distinction.
- Q.5** Discuss the variations in marriage practices across different Indian sub cultures. Do you think these variations sometimes create different social issues in society? Also, discuss how functionalist explain the concept of marriage and its relevance?
- Q.6** What are your own assumptions about social change? Can ideas change history? Are there examples where theories and ideas have led people to transform society? How would Marxists criticize such examples from the standpoint of a materialist conception of history?
- Q.7** Agencies of socialization are structured groups or contexts within which significant processes of socialization occur. List some of these agencies, noting at which points in the life course they are likely to be most significant.

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Paper Code: BBL-102

Subject: Financial Accounting

B.B.A.LL.B. 1st Semester

21st December, 2024

Time: 3 Hour

Maximum Marks: 50

Instructions:

- 1. Section-A is compulsory consisting of Six short questions carrying three marks each. Attempt any Four Questions from Section-B. Each question in Section-B carries eight marks.*
- 2. This Question Paper contains total of five printed pages.*
- 3. Candidates are required to write their Roll No. on the question paper in the given space above. Do not write anything except Roll No. on the question paper.*

SECTION-A (Short-Answer Type)

(6x03=18Marks)

Q.1 Short Answer Type Questions:

- a)** Imagine an accountant discovers discrepancies in financial records due to a potential data breach. How should the accountant handle the situation while maintaining ethical standards and protecting the company's interests?

- b)** Imagine a scenario where an AI system is responsible for making real-time financial decisions for a multinational corporation. The AI system flags a series of transactions as potentially fraudulent, but the human accountant disagrees based on their personal judgment. How should the organization handle such a conflict between AI recommendations and human expertise?"
- c)** ABC Traders made the following transactions in April 2024:
- (i) Purchased goods from M/s Ram & Co. on credit for ₹1,50,000.
 - (ii) Sold goods on credit to M/s Shyam Ltd. for ₹2,00,000.
 - (iii) Paid ₹10,000 in cash for office supplies.
 - (iv) Received ₹1,00,000 from M/s Shyam Ltd. in partial settlement of their dues.
 - (v) Paid ₹1,50,000 to M/s Ram & Co. as part of the credit purchase.

Journalize the above transactions, specifying the debit, and credit amounts, and explaining the nature of each transaction.

- d)** ABC Company maintains a Sales Returns Book to record returns of goods sold on credit. The following sales returns were made in August 2024:
- (i) August 3: Returned goods worth ₹10,000 to M/s Ramesh Supplies due to defects.
 - (ii) August 5: Returned damaged goods worth ₹5,000 to M/s Rajan Traders
 - (iii) August 14: M/s Verma & Co. returned goods worth ₹15,000 due to quality issues.
 - (iv) August 24: M/s Gupta Traders returned goods worth ₹10,000 as they were damaged in transit.
 - (v) August 30: M/s Sharma Bros. returned goods worth ₹20,000 as they were the wrong products.

Record these transactions in the Sales Returns Book for August 2024.

e) ABC Pvt. Ltd. has the following balances as on 31st December 2024:

- (i) Cash: ₹50,000
- (ii) Marketable Securities: ₹1,00,000
- (iii) Accounts Receivable: ₹3,00,000
- (iv) Inventory: ₹5,00,000
- (v) Accounts Payable: ₹2,50,000
- (vi) Short-term notes payable: ₹1,00,000

Compute the Quick Ratio for ABC Pvt. Ltd and also explain how this ratio differs from the current ratio and its significance in evaluating liquidity.

f) The following information is provided:

Subscription for the year 2023: ₹50,000

Subscription received in advance (for 2024) during 2023: ₹5,000

Subscription outstanding for 2023: ₹3,000

Subscription received for 2022 in 2023: ₹2,000

Calculate the subscription amount to be recorded in the Income and Expenditure Account for 2023.

SECTION-B (Long-Answer/Descriptive/Analytical Type)

(4x08=32Marks)

Q.2 A small business has been maintaining its financial records through basic bookkeeping using manual ledgers. As the business grows, it decides to transit to a more comprehensive financial accounting system that includes preparing financial statements. What challenges might the business face during this transition, and how can it ensure accuracy and consistency in the financial records?

Q.3 A multinational corporation is expanding into new countries with different accounting regulations and tax laws. As the financial accountant responsible for this expansion, how would you ensure compliance with varying international financial reporting standards (IFRS) while maintaining consistency across the company's financial statements?

Q.4 A company, XYZ Ltd., records the following transactions for the month of October 2024. Prepare the two-column cash book:

Oct 1: Cash in hand ₹25,000, Bank balance ₹50,000.

Oct 5: Purchased goods for ₹10,000 and paid in cash.

Oct 8: Received ₹15,000 cash from a customer.

Oct 10: Paid ₹5,000 to a supplier by cheque.

Oct 12: Cash deposited into the bank ₹8,000.

Oct 15: Withdrew ₹6,000 from the bank for office use.

Oct 18: Received a cheque of ₹20,000 from a customer.

Oct 20: Paid salaries ₹12,000 in cash.

Oct 22: The cheque received on Oct 18 was deposited into the bank.

Oct 25: Paid ₹7,500 for rent by cheque.

Oct 28: Received ₹4,500 cash from a customer.

Oct 30: Paid ₹2,500 for office supplies in cash.

Q.5 (i) Let's assume XYZ Ltd. has the following financial information for the year ending December 31, 2023:

Sales Revenue: ₹1,200,000

Cost of Goods Sold (COGS): ₹800,000

Operating Expenses: ₹200,000

Interest Expense: ₹30,000

Tax Expense: ₹40,000

Owner's Equity: ₹500,000

Calculate Gross Profit Ratio and Net Profit Ratio.

(ii) Discuss the ethical implications of manipulating financial ratios to present a more favorable view of a company's performance. How can this affect stakeholders' decisions?

Q.6 “The inclusion of forward-looking statements in financial reporting can provide valuable insights to investors”. Evaluate the benefits and risks associated with the disclosure of future-oriented financial information.

Q.7 Imagine a non-profit organization focused on environmental conservation has received a significant donation. How should the organization decide whether to allocate these funds toward immediate projects or save them for future initiatives? Discuss the potential benefits and drawbacks of each approach.

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End-Term Examinations, December 2024

Paper Code: BBL-101

Subject: Management Theory and Practice

B.B.A.LL.B. 1st Semester

19th December, 2024

Time: 3 Hour

Maximum Marks: 50

Instructions:

- 1. Section-A is compulsory consisting of Six short questions carrying three marks each. Attempt any Four Questions from Section-B. Each question in Section-B carries eight marks.*
- 2. This Question Paper contains total of four printed pages.*
- 3. Candidates are required to write their Roll No. on the question paper in the given space above. Do not write anything except Roll No. on the question paper.*

SECTION-A (Short-Answer Type)

(6x03=18Marks)

Q.1 Short Answer Type Questions:

- a)** An unexpected crisis has occurred in your organization (e.g., a product recall, data breach). How would you apply the functions of management to handle the crisis effectively and restore stakeholder confidence?

- b)** You have been asked to reorganize a department to improve communication and reduce bottlenecks in decision-making. How would you restructure the department, considering the principles of division of labor and span of control? What organizational design would best suit this scenario (e.g., functional, divisional, matrix)?
- c)** A team in your organization is experiencing interpersonal conflicts, leading to a drop in productivity. Using McGregor's Theory X and Theory Y, how would you adjust your management approach to improve team dynamics and output?
- d)** Your organization is expanding rapidly, and you are tasked with establishing a more formalized structure. How would you implement Max Weber's Bureaucratic Management principles in terms of hierarchy, rules, and decision-making? What challenges might arise in today's fast-paced, dynamic business environment?
- e)** How would you ensure that the implementation phase runs smoothly after the negotiation? What strategies would you use to maintain the relationship with the Japanese company and resolve any post-agreement disputes that might arise?
- f)** Discuss the importance of transparency and accountability when addressing ethical issues. How would you ensure that your company's actions demonstrate a commitment to ethical practices, and how would you manage any potential reputational damage?

SECTION-B (Long-Answer/Descriptive/Analytical Type)

(4x08=32Marks)

- Q.2** You are aware that some suppliers are engaging in unethical practices (e.g., exploiting labor). How would you apply ethical decision-making models to address this issue while maintaining business relationships and profitability?
- Q.3** Your company is considering shifting from a functional organizational structure to a matrix structure. What are the potential benefits and challenges of this change, and how would you manage the transition?
- Q.4** You are managing a project, and conflicts have arisen between two key departments. How would you apply *Thomas-Kilmann Conflict Resolution Model* to manage and resolve these conflicts while maintaining productivity?
- Q.5** Your company operates in a complex environment with multiple interacting parts (e.g., departments, supply chains, stakeholders). How would you apply Systems Theory to ensure that the different parts of the organization work together efficiently to achieve organizational goals?
- Q.6** A startup in the tech industry is debating between a centralized and decentralized decision-making structure. How would you use Contingency Theory to recommend the best management approach for this specific organization, considering its unique environment and challenges?

Q.7 What strategies would you implement to maintain cross-cultural integration and collaboration between teams in Japan and the U.S. despite their differing management preferences? Consider the role of global leadership skills, including cultural intelligence and emotional intelligence, in managing these diverse teams.

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End-Term Examinations, December 2024

Paper Code: BBL-103 Subject: Psychology-I (Introductory Psychology)

B.B.A.LL.B. 1st Semester

24th December, 2024

Time: 3 Hour

Maximum Marks: 50

Instructions:

- 1. Section-A is compulsory consisting of Six short questions carrying three marks each. Attempt any Four Questions from Section-B. Each question in Section-B carries eight marks.*
- 2. This Question Paper contains total of six printed pages.*
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SECTION-A (Short-Answer Type)

(6x03=18Marks)

Q.1 Short Answer Type Questions:

- a) Consider a case where a witness experiences severe anxiety and stress reactions whenever testifying in court due to a past traumatic event. Apply the principles of classical conditioning to analyze how the witness's emotional response became associated with the courtroom setting. How could interventions based on classical conditioning principles contribute to the witness's ability to provide accurate and reliable testimony?

- b) In the case of *Porter v. McCollum*, George Porter, a Korean War veteran (who served the military), was convicted of first-degree murder after killing his ex-girlfriend and her new partner. George Porter's defense argued that his actions, including the murders, were influenced by his traumatic childhood and the effects of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) from his military service.
- (i) Using Kurt Lewin's formula $B = f(P, E)$, explain how George Porter's behavior can be understood.
- c) In a community with high rates of juvenile delinquency, a study reveals a correlation between the behavior of delinquent peers and an increase in delinquent activities among adolescents. The study suggests that many of these adolescents are learning delinquent behaviors through observation and imitation of their peers.
- (i) Briefly explain observational learning in the context of juvenile delinquency and how can principles of observational learning be applied to reduce or prevent juvenile delinquency?
- d) In a legal consultancy firm, "Justice Innovators", management aims to enhance the creative problem-solving skills of its team to tackle complex cases and develop innovative legal strategies. Considering Torrance's Theory of Creativity, how can the firm foster a work environment that encourages and sustains creativity in legal practice?
- e) Anna, a 7-year-old girl, is at the center of a custody battle between her divorced parents, Mr. Smith and Ms. Johnson. Each parent claims that they are better suited to provide a stable and nurturing environment for Anna. The court appoints a child psychologist, Dr. Rodriguez, to assess

Anna's cognitive development using Piaget's stages of cognitive development. Dr. Rodriguez conducts a series of interviews and the focus is on determining if Anna has entered Piaget's Concrete Operational Stage.

- (i) Name the four stages of cognitive development formulated by Jean Piaget.

- f) In a criminal case involving an organized crime syndicate, several lower-level members testified that they were motivated to engage in illegal activities, including smuggling and extortion, due to the influence and pressure from powerful underworld figures. Applying “McClelland's Theory of Motivation”, explain briefly, how various motivational drives may have influenced the decisions of individuals to engage in criminal activities.

SECTION-B (Long-Answer/Descriptive/Analytical Type)

(4x08=32Marks)

Q.2 In an effort to understand the factors influencing false confessions, researchers design an experiment simulating police interrogation tactics on volunteers. Some participants are subjected to high-pressure interrogation techniques, while others experience a more supportive interview style. During the experiment, participants are led to believe they've been falsely accused of a minor crime, with varying levels of evidence presented against them. The study aims to measure how these different interrogation methods impact the likelihood of participants "confessing" to a crime they did not commit. It was found that high-pressure interrogation techniques are more likely to lead to false confessions than supportive interview styles.

- (i) Identify the independent and dependent variables in this experiment.
- (ii) Explain how this cause-effect relationship can enhance our understanding of real-life interrogation scenarios and the related false confessions.

Q.3 An individual receives a phishing (fraudulent) message that appears to be from their bank, requesting them to confirm their account details due to a 'security breach.' The message contains professional logos and language, leading the individual to perceive it as authentic.

- (i) Explain the concept of perception.
- (ii) How do perceptual errors such as the 'halo effect' and 'illusory truth effect' contribute to this vulnerability?

Q.4 John Doe, a 30-year-old man with a history of traumatic brain injury, becomes the prime suspect in a series of violent crimes in a small town. His erratic behavior, coupled with eyewitness accounts, leads investigators to consider the possibility of a connection between his brain injury and criminal actions. Upon further investigation, it is discovered that John Doe sustained damage to both his amygdala and hippocampus as a result of a severe head injury in a car accident several years ago.

- (i) Which part of the central nervous system is related to amygdala and hippocampus?
- (ii) How did damage to the amygdala and hippocampus could potentially influence his behavior, making him more prone to aggression?

Q.5 The Brown v. Board of Education case, decided in 1954 by the United States Supreme Court, is a landmark decision that declared racial segregation in public schools unconstitutional. Before this case, the "separate but equal" rule from Plessy v. Ferguson (1896) allowed schools to separate Black and white students, as long as the facilities were supposedly equal. However, schools for Black students were often far worse in quality. The families argued that separate schools harmed Black children, making them feel inferior and limiting their opportunities. The Supreme Court agreed, stating that "separate educational facilities are inherently unequal." This meant that schools could no longer segregate students by race. The ruling was a key moment in the Civil Rights Movement, helping to end segregation in schools and inspiring further actions for racial equality across the U.S. On the basis of this, answer the following questions:

- (i) Analyze how would Charles Spearman explain this racial segregation with the help of his Two-factor theory of Intelligence.
- (ii) Discuss how would this affect their Interpersonal and Intrapersonal Intelligence.

Q.6 In a murder investigation, when eyewitnesses exhibit significant gaps in their recollection of events, how does the following theories of forgetting contribute in understanding the limitations of eyewitness testimony, and reliability of their accounts in legal proceedings?

- (i) Trace Decay Theory
- (ii) Interference Theory
- (iii) Retrieval Failure Theory

Q.7 During the arrest and trial of Ted Bundy, a notorious American serial killer (1970s), psychological assessments were attempted using self-report measures. However, Bundy was proficient at manipulating responses to present a socially desirable image, hindering accurate personality evaluation. This case underscores the challenges of relying solely on self-report measures in assessing the complex and deceptive nature of certain criminal personalities.

- (i) What is the concept of Personality?
- (ii) How do projective techniques, such as the Rorschach inkblot test and Thematic Apperception Test (TAT), prove valuable in assessing the personality of criminals when traditional self-report measures fall short in providing accurate insights?
