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M.A. (MARITIME LAWS)

Academic Year: 2024-2025

First Semester Repeat Examination (May, 2025)

Paper I – 1.1.1 General Principles of Law

Duration of the Examination: 2 ½ hours

Total Marks: 70 marks

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- a) Read the instructions carefully and adhere to the same.
 - b) Please mention your DDE ID No., date of the exam, name of the programme & subject on the Answer Sheet and the Additional Answer Sheets, if any.
 - c) The questions to be interpreted as given and no clarification can be sought from the Invigilator.
 - d) Clearly indicate the question numbers while answering them. Answers without question numbers / wrong question numbers will not be evaluated.
 - e) Write the answers clearly and neatly. Answers in illegible handwriting will not be taken into consideration.
 - f) Candidates are prohibited to carry phones or any other electronic devices, books, material etc. in the Examination Hall.
 - g) Copying is strictly prohibited and is considered as a serious academic misconduct and the University will take action as it deems fit.
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Section – A

Answer FIVE questions out of SEVEN questions and each question carries 10 marks.

- 1. What are the essential characteristics that a universal definition of law must include, and how do the various types and enforcement mechanisms of laws contribute to maintaining order within a legal system?
- 2. What are the various remedies available under civil law for addressing issues such as breach of contract, wrongful possession, maintenance obligations, and inheritance disputes, and how do these remedies serve to protect individual rights and interests?

3. How has the process of globalization impacted the traditional notions of legal sovereignty and the distinction between domestic and international legal systems, and what implications does this shift have for the authority of nation-states in shaping their own laws?
4. What are the salient features of the Indian Constitution that distinguish it from other constitutions, and how do these features reflect the political and legal philosophy underlying its framework?
5. How does the principle of Rule of Law manifest in the Indian constitutional framework, and what roles do various state and non-state actors play in upholding its key components such as separation of powers, judicial independence, and legal accountability?
6. What is the significance of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanisms in the Indian legal system, and how do they contribute to reducing judicial backlog while upholding constitutional values such as equality, justice, and personal liberty?
7. How does the relationship between law and emerging technologies highlight the challenges of regulating rapid innovation, and what role should national and international legal frameworks play in ensuring that technological advances serve the public good while mitigating potential harms?

Section – B

Write notes on any FOUR questions out of SIX questions and each question carries 05 marks.

- A) Doctrine of *Stare Decisis*, *Ratio Decidendi* and *Obiter Dicta*
- B) The Principles of Natural Justice
- C) Independence of Judiciary
- D) Public Interest Litigation as An Instrument of Social Change
- E) Online Dispute Resolution
- F) Data Analysis and Role of Artificial Intelligence