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NALSAR UNIVERSITY OF LAW, HYDERABAD**

**M.A. (AVIATION LAW & AIR TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT)  
M.A. (SECURITY & DEFENCE LAWS)  
M.A. (MARITIME LAWS)**

**Academic Year: 2025-2026**

**First Semester Repeat Examination – Online Proctored Examination  
(December 2025)**

**1.1.1. General Principles of Law**

**Duration of the Examination: 2 ½ hours**

**Total Marks : 70 marks**

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**Section – A**

**Answer FIVE questions out of SEVEN questions and each question carries 10 marks.  
(5 x 10 marks = 50 marks)**

1. Explain the major schools of legal thought and critically evaluate how each school contributes to shaping the modern understanding of law.
2. Discuss the sources of Indian law and explain their relative importance in the contemporary Indian legal system.

3. A community claims that a 200-year-old local practice constitutes a binding custom. The practice is now challenged in court as being unreasonable and against public morality. Using the requisites of a valid custom, advise how the claim should be examined.
4. Describe the essential features of the Constitution of India, including its historical evolution. Emphasize how constitutional supremacy shapes the functioning of the State.
5. A government department passes an administrative order without giving the affected party a chance to be heard. Using the principles of administrative law, including natural justice, separation of powers, and judicial review, evaluate whether the order is valid.
6. Explain the classification of global legal systems.. How has globalisation impacted civil law, common law, customary law, religious law, mixed systems and influenced the Indian legal framework?
7. "Legal research is essential for developing strong legal reasoning and academic writing." Discuss this statement with reference to types of legal research, research methodology, citation formats, case citing methods, and project writing techniques.

## **Section – B**

**Answer FOUR questions out of SIX questions and each question carries 05 marks. (4 x 5 marks = 20 marks)**

8. Write a short note on the doctrine of stare decisis and ratio decidendi.
9. Write a short note on the differences between substantive law and procedural law, with examples.
10. Write a short note on the concept of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and list the major forms.
11. Write a short note on fundamental rights and directive principles of state policy under the Indian Constitution.
12. Write a short note on the interface between law and technology with reference to emerging technologies and associated legal challenges.
13. Write remedies under the Indian Constitution.