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**M.A. (Criminal Law & Forensic Science)
Advanced Diploma in Criminal Law & Forensic Science**

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First Semester Repeat Examination (May, 2025)

Paper II - 1.1.2. Criminal Law and Legislative Underpinnings

Duration of the Examination: 2 ½ hours

Total Marks: 70 marks

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- 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.
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 - d) Clearly indicate the question numbers while answering them. Answers without question numbers / wrong question numbers will not be evaluated.
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1. Describe the importance of *mensrea* in a crime. How it plays an important role in defining general exceptions? Also please examine what is strict liability with the help of a legislation. **(20 marks)**
2. Sahil and Ashish, childhood friends, lived in a small village on the edge of a forest. Sahil, a businessman, had been estranged from his family for years, especially his older brother Arun, after a tragic car accident killed their parents. The incident occurred when their parents, on a late-night drive to meet Sahil, were involved in a fatal crash. Arun blamed Sahil for the tragedy, accusing him of being responsible for their parents' death and abandoning the family afterward.

One afternoon, Sahil received a letter from Arun, reigniting old wounds. The letter was filled with harsh accusations, blaming Sahil for causing the accident and neglecting their family afterward. The words, harsh and unforgiving, suggested that their parents would still be alive if Sahil had been there. The emotional toll of the letter overwhelmed Sahil, causing a deep sense of anger and guilt.

Ashish, who was with Sahil when he read the letter, tried to comfort him, suggesting he let go of the past. However, Sahil, unable to control his emotions, began shouting at Ashish, accusing him of not understanding the pain he was going through. Ashish, sensing the rising tension, suggested they go for a walk in the nearby forest to clear Sahil's mind. Reluctantly, Sahil agreed. As they walked through the forest, Sahil's agitation only grew. The words in the letter continued to replay in his mind, and his frustration with Arun intensified. Ashish, noticing Sahil's distress, attempted to lighten the mood, but Sahil, now beyond reason, snapped and shouted, "You have no idea what it's like to be blamed for everything!"

Without warning, Sahil grabbed a large rock lying on the ground and struck Ashish's head with it. Ashish fell to the ground instantly, blood pouring from the wound. Sahil stood over him, staring in disbelief at what he had just done. Despite Ashish gasping for breath, Sahil did not attempt to help him. He muttered to himself, "You don't understand," as Ashish's body lay motionless. Ashish died shortly afterward. Sahil later admitted that his anger, fuelled by the letter, had pushed him to commit the act, but he insisted he didn't intend to kill Ashish. He claimed it was a momentary lapse in judgment, driven by the years of emotional torment from Arun's accusations, which provoked him to cause this act.

Based on the facts given and arguments made above, examine and discuss the offence(s) committed in the scenario and the punishment you would accord to the relevant provisions. Apply relevant cases to support your answer. (20 marks)

3. A 17-year-old BA student named Aiswarya fell in love with a 21-year-old software worker named Arun. They had been dating for two years. She used to be encouraged by Arun to work in film and earn a lot of money. She eventually moved away from her parents to join Arun, and the two of them married in Mumbai. A case was filed by Aiswarya's parents. Examine the offence committed by Arun if any with the help of decided cases and provisions of IPC. (10 marks)

4. Write short notes on the following (5 x 4 marks = 20 marks)

- a) Law of Attempt
- b) Criminal conspiracy
- c) Law of Rape
- d) Punishment
- e) Abetment