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**Paper I - 1.2.4. Domestic Air Laws in India
1.2.5. Domestic Air Laws in India (Batch 2020-2022)**

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.
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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. How do the regulatory frameworks and oversight functions of the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), as empowered by the Aircraft Act 1934 and Aircraft Rules 1937, align with international standards and practices to ensure safety, efficiency, and uniformity in the global aviation industry? Discuss the need and importance of these regulations, the requirements for international operations by Indian airlines, and the role of safety risk management in this context.

2. Consider a scenario where an Indian airline's flight encounters severe turbulence, resulting in injuries to several passengers and the unfortunate death of one passenger. The affected passengers and the family of the deceased passenger seek compensation for their losses. Analyze the legal framework governing air carrier liability in India in such cases. How do the provisions under the Carriage by Air Act, 1972, and the Montreal Convention, to which India is a signatory, determine the extent of the airline's liability for passenger death or injury?

3. Discuss the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Indian aviation sector. How did the pandemic affect airline operations, passenger traffic, and financial stability? Evaluate the measures taken by the Indian government and the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to mitigate these impacts.
4. Analyze the objectives and key provisions of the Airport Infrastructure Policy of 1997 in India. How did this policy aim to address the challenges facing the aviation sector at the time, particularly in terms of infrastructure development, private sector participation, and modernization of airports?
5. Analyze the regulatory framework governing aircraft leasing in India. How do Indian laws, including the Aircraft Act, 1934, and the Cape Town Convention, impact the leasing of aircraft by domestic airlines? Discuss the legal and financial considerations for airlines and the influence of these factors on their operations and growth strategies.
6. Evaluate the role of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the Indian aviation sector. How has FDI influenced the growth, competitiveness, and modernization of the industry? Discuss the regulatory framework governing FDI in aviation in India, and analyze both the benefits and challenges associated with increased foreign investment in this sector.
7. Under the Indian Consumer Protection Act, 2019, can passengers file a consumer complaint for deficiencies in airline services, such as flight delays or cancellations? Discuss the legal provisions that allow for such complaints, the process for filing a complaint, and the potential remedies available to passengers.

Section – B

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

- A. Why is air law essential and what is its importance in regulating aviation?
- B. What are the primary responsibilities of the Director General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)?
- C. What are the prerequisites for Indian airlines to conduct international operations?
- D. Discuss the concept and implications of nationalizing the aviation industry.
- E. Outline the process of safety risk management in aviation.
- F. How does the DGCA contribute to ensuring safety in civil aviation?