

**DIRECTORATE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION
NALSAR UNIVERSITY OF LAW, HYDERABAD**

M.A. (Animal Protection Laws)

Academic Year: 2023-2024

Third Semester Repeat Examination (June, 2024)

Paper I – 2.3.7. Criminal 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 mis-conduct and the University will take action as it deems fit.
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Section A: Analytical Essay Type Question (30 Marks)

1. Discuss the provisions of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) related to mischief, particularly focusing on Sections 428 and 429. How are these sections applicable when the person who maims the animal is the owner? What are the legal consequences for violating these provisions?
 - a. Explain Sections 428 and 429 of the IPC, detailing the legal definitions and punishments for killing and maiming animals. **(15 marks)**
 - b. Analyse how these sections have to be interpreted and applied in notable judicial decisions. **(10 marks)**
 - c. Evaluate the effectiveness of these provisions in preventing animal cruelty. **(5 marks)**

Section B: Hypothetical Question (30 Marks)

2. A wildlife activist reports an incident where a group of individuals are engaged in a criminal conspiracy to poach endangered animals. They are also involved in criminal intimidation to prevent locals from reporting them. Discuss the steps of investigation, trial, and prosecution that the authorities would follow under the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC). How would the admissibility of evidence and burden of proof be handled in this case?
- a. Outline the steps of investigation, trial, and prosecution according to the CrPC. **(15 marks)**
 - b. Discuss the concepts of cognizable and non-cognizable offences in this context. **(10 marks)**
 - c. Explain how the burden of proof and admissibility of evidence would be addressed under the Evidence Act. **(5 marks)**

Section C: Short Note Type Questions (2x5 Marks = 10 Marks)

3. Write short notes on any two of the following:

- A. Reporting Animal Abuse and Cruelty:
 - i. Explain the procedure for filing a First Information Report (FIR) in cases of animal abuse and cruelty.
 - ii. Include the roles of different stakeholders in this process. **(5 marks)**
- B. Types of Evidence:
 - i. Describe the different types of evidence recognized under the Evidence Act.
 - ii. Highlight the importance of each type in criminal cases involving animal cruelty. **(5 marks)**
- C. Procedure with Respect to Minors:
 - i. Discuss the procedures and protections in place for minors as witnesses and perpetrators in cases of animal cruelty.
 - ii. Refer to relevant legal provisions and case laws. **(5 marks)**