

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

M.A. (Criminal Law & Forensic Science)

Academic Year: 2024-2025

Third Semester Repeat Examination (May, 2025)

2.3.8. Questioned Documents and Fingerprints

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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Long Essay Questions

- 1. (a) How do ink and paper analysis contribute to questioned document examination? **(10 marks)**
(b) What are the various types of forgeries? **(15 marks)**
- 2. (a) How can forensic document examiners detect alterations and erasures in documents? **(15 marks)**
(b) Discuss the role of expert testimony in questioned document cases? **(10 marks)**
- 3. (a) Evaluate the use of fingerprints in identifying deceased persons when DNA is unavailable or degraded? **(10 marks)**
(b) Discuss the difference between patent, plastic, and latent fingerprints. **(10 marks)**