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NALSAR UNIVERSITY OF LAW, HYDERABAD

*Post-Graduate Diploma in Animal Protection Laws (Batch 2020 – 2021)*

Take Home – Annual Examination (June, 2021)

**Paper IV – 1.4. Laws on Wildlife**

**TOTAL MARKS: 100**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- a) Read the instructions for Take Home Examination carefully and adhere to the same.
  - b) *Please mention your name, ID No., subject name and total number of pages on the Answer Sheet.*
  - c) *Clearly indicate the question numbers while answering them.*
  - d) *Answer any four questions and each question carries 25 marks.*
  - e) *The answer for the 25 marks question should be written in 1200 - 1500 words.*
  - f) *All the candidates are required to submit only word / Pdf files containing the typed answers.*
  - g) *All papers will be uploaded on Turn-it-in for plagiarism check. Any paper with more than 15% similarity will be considered to be plagiarized attracting necessary action by the University.*
  - h) *Since this is a take home exam, we expect your answers to be analytical rather than straight answers.*
  - i) Copying from any source including from other students is strictly prohibited. Plagiarism is considered as a serious academic mis-conduct and the University will take action as it deems fit.
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1. The Kerala Forest Department in 2018 confiscated a Flap Shell Turtle from an individual for illegally possessing it. The Honourable Kerala High Court allowed the criminal proceedings to be quashed owing to a taxonomical issue. The matter was further taken to the Honourable Supreme Court in *Titty Alias George Kurian vs The Deputy Range Forest Officer* as a review petition (CRL) No. 593 of 2018 in Criminal Appeal No.758 of 2018. Please read the judgements passed by the Honourable High Court of Kerala and the Honourable Supreme Court in this matter, summarize the case in brief and provide your opinion of the judgement provided by both the courts.
2. In the year 2013-14, 22 wild elephants were captured from Hassan, Karnataka and relocated to various parts of the state as a solution to conflict.
  - a. Which provisions of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972 would have to be utilized to permit such an operation and by which authority? **(5 marks)**
  - b. Briefly explain the implications of such a measure on resolving conflict and the welfare of the elephants thus relocated. **(20 marks)**

3. The National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) has published standard operation procedures “To Deal With Stray/Feral Dogs In Tiger Reserves”. Please read the twenty page document available [online](#) and answer the following:
- List a minimum of three pros of this SOP and reasons thereof. **(5 marks)**
  - List a minimum of three cons of this SOP and reasons thereof. **(5 marks)**
  - In your opinion, does the SOP serves the purpose of welfare of feral dogs and tigers? Justify your response in brief. **(10 marks)**
  - Please specify the provisions of WLPA, 1972 which enabled the setting up of NTCA, the mandatory members of NTCA and the functions of the authority. **(5 marks)**
4. While walking past a busy marketplace, you notice a store that has displayed tiger skin and claws on the inside wall of the store. In no more than six steps, please detail your plan of action.
5. From your reading of Section 39 of WLPA, 1972, please answer the following:
- If there is a free-ranging leopard in the wild, whose property is it and why? **(8 marks)**
  - If an individual legally owns a male and a female tiger in private custody with all pre-requisite permissions, who owns the off-spring of these two tigers and why? **(9 marks)**
  - If an individual comes across a pair of spotted deer horns while legally hiking in a forest, what would be the next course of action? Explain in brief. **(8 marks)**