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NALSAR UNIVERSITY OF LAW, HYDERABAD**

Post-Graduate Diploma on Animal Protection (Batch 2019 – 2020)

Take Home – Supplementary Examination (January, 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 all the four questions and each question carries 25 marks.*
 - e) *The answer for the 25 marks question should be written in 1200 – 1500.*
 - f) *Since this is a take home exam, we expect your answers to be analytical rather than straight answers.*
 - g) 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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Answer any four (4) of the following questions:

1. List three major lacunae in the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972. Discuss each one briefly elucidating their impact on wildlife protection. **(25 marks)**
2. Consider the scenario below: You are walking past a busy marketplace in your hometown. You notice a crowd gathered. On closer look, you see that a group of 3 adults are indulging the crowd by making a Spectacled Cobra and a common Indian mongoose fight against each other and encouraging people to bet and pay to view the spectacle.

As an individual who is aware of animal protection legislations: **(25 marks)**

- (a) Please describe a step-by-step approach you would take to ensure relief for the animals involved.
 - (b) Please list the various sections of the WLPA, 1972 that this act violates.
 - (c) Please specify if and which schedule(s) of the act Spectacled Cobras and Mongooses are listed under.
3. While driving on a public highway through a sanctuary, you notice a herd of elephants by the side of the road. A group of people watching these elephants alight from their vehicle, light a fire on the forest floor to scare the elephants and proceed to chase the herd in their vehicle. As a witness to this incident, you wish to file a complaint at the nearest forest office. Kindly write a complaint in this regard addressed to the appropriate authority detailing the incident and the various sections of the WLPA 1972 that it violated.

For the purpose of this question, you are free to choose the location of the sanctuary and the date and time of occurrence of the event as per your convenience. **(25 marks)**

4. What are the powers and functions of the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB), what is their mandate, where are they headquartered, where are their regional offices and when were they established?

If you witness any wildlife crime, how would you submit this information to the WCCB? Are there any benefits to informing WCCB versus other law enforcement agencies? If yes or no, please justify. **(25 marks)**