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NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY AND JUDICIAL ACADEMY, ASSAM
B.A., LL.B. (Hons.): I Year – I Semester: Academic Year: 2014-2015
Mid Semester Examination (November, 2014)
1.1 ENGLISH - I

Time: **45 Minutes**
Total Marks: **10**

INSTRUCTIONS:

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Answer two questions from the following. Question No.1 is Compulsory. All questions carry equal marks.

1. How did the development from a pastoral economy to an agrarian economy in the Later Vedic period affect its polity and society?
1. Discuss critically the anti European feeling that was prevalent in Moulmein, Burma during George Orwell's tenure as a sub-divisional police officer. Substantiate your answer with suitable examples from the essay.
2. Explain with reference to the context:
"Signor Antonio, many a time and oft
In the Rialto you have rated me
About my moneys and my usances.
Still have I borne it with a patient shrug
3. Write the précis of the following. Add a suitable title to it.

All great thinkers live and move on a high plane of thought. It is only there they can breathe freely. It is only in contact with spirits like themselves they can live harmoniously and attain that serenity which comes from ideal companionship. The studies of all great thinkers must range along the highest altitudes of human thought, I cannot remember the name of any illuminative genius who did not drink his inspiration from fountains of ancient Greek and Hebrew writers; or such among the moderns as were pupils in ancient thought, and, in turn, became masters in their own. I have always thought that the strongest argument in favour of the Baconian theory was, that no man, however indubitable his genius, could have written the plays and sonnets that have come down to us under Shakespeare's name who had not the liberal education of Bacon. How this habit of intercourse with the gods makes one impatient of mere men. The magnificent ideals that have ever haunted the human mind, and given us our highest proofs of a future immortality by reason of the impossibility of their fulfilment here, are splintered into atoms by contact with life's realities. Hence comes our sublime discontent. You will notice that your first sensation after reading a great book is one of melancholy and dissatisfaction. The ideas, sentiments, expressions, are so far beyond those of ordinary working life that you cannot turn aside from one to the other without an acute sensation and consciousness of the contrast. And the principles are so lofty, so superhuman that it is a positive pain, if once you become imbued with them, to come down and mix in

the squalid surroundings of ordinary humanity. It may be spiritual or intellectual pride that is engendered on the high plane of intellectual life. But whatever it is, it becomes inevitable. A habitual meditation on the vast problems that underline human life, and are knit into human destinies-thoughts of immortality, of the littleness of mere man, of the greatness of man's soul, of the splendours of the universe that are invisible to the ordinary traffickers in the street, as the vastness of St, Peter's is to the spider that weaves her web in a corner of the dome-these things do not fit men to understand the average human being, or tolerate with patience the sordid wretchedness of the unregenerate masses. It is easy to understand, therefore, why such thinkers fly to the solitude of their own thoughts, or the silent companionship of the immortals; and if they care to present their views in prose or verse to the world, that these views take a sombre and melancholy setting from "the pale cast of thought" in which they were engendered. (457 words)

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1.2 HISTORY - I

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1. How did the development from a pastoral economy to an agrarian economy in the Later Vedic period affect its polity and society?
2. Critically examine Ashoka's concept of Dhamma as a religious policy.
3. Discuss the contribution of epigraphy and numismatics in reconstructing Indian History. What are the delimitations in using them as sources of history?

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1.3 Political Science - I

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Answer two questions from the following. Question No.1 is Compulsory. All questions carry equal marks.

- 1) “Politics is the authoritative allocation of values.” Highlight the significance of this statement. Elaborate your answer with appropriate examples.
- 2) What is the theory of Checks and Balances? In this context discuss how this principle is being applied between the executive and legislative organ of the government.
- 3) Analyse the concept of sovereignty in the political philosophy of Hobbes and Rousseau.

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1.4 SOCIOLOGY - I

Time: **45 Minutes**
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Answer two questions from the following. Question No.1 is Compulsory. All questions carry equal marks.

1. “Sociology without History is rootless and History without Sociology is fruitless.” Discuss the relationship between the two disciplines in the light of the above statement.
2. “The self and the society are in continuous conflict with each other.” Explain this statement by the use of appropriate theory and illustrations.
3. What is Cultural Relativism? Why is it important in a country like India? Discuss the concept that is conceptually opposed to the construct – ‘Cultural Relativism’

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1.5 LEGAL METHODS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES RESEARCH
METHODOLOGY

Time: **45 Minutes**

Total Marks: **10**

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Answer two questions from the following. Question No.1 is Compulsory. All questions carry equal marks.

1. Commercialisation of Hindu marriage in some states in India had led to increase in demand for exorbitant dowries at the time of marriage. Prospective parents in the apprehensions of payment of large dowries are opting for gender determination test of their *foetus*. After determination of the gender, the female foeticide is performed. The practice had become so prevalent that it had led to the imbalance population ratio of boy child and girl child.

In the light of the given facts and circumstances discuss the relevance of socio- legal research in the better understanding of this socio- economic problem?

2. “The intelligence, mannerism and refinement of that person exudes that he belongs to an upper caste”. Critically examine the given statement and bring out the existing biases that exist in the society, also explain how as a researcher you can disband these biases.
3. What is the significance of the use of Logic in the process of legal research? Support your answer with suitable illustrations.

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1.6 LAW OF TORTS AND MOTOR VEHICLES ACT

Time: **45 Minutes**

Total Marks: **10**

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Answer two questions from the following. Question No.1 is Compulsory. All questions carry equal marks.

1. Mrs. Sunita, a Semi-literate widow and she possess three houses. In one of the house she resided and the other two has rented them out, but she was not satisfied with the income from them. Subsequently she approached a Khem Legal Firm cum property agency to seek suitable assistance to dispose off the property and invest the money into a profitable venture. The managing clerk of the Khem Legal Firm advised her the same. Further, she was made to sign in two documents by the clerk and informed by him that that they were sale documents. Later on she came to know that those documents were gift deeds in favour of the daughter of the managing clerk, who immediately sold the houses. Mrs. Sunita came to know about the transaction and moved to the civil court against Khem Legal Firm for the compensation of the loss of her properties and the costs of litigation.

Decide the case and cite valid reasons.

2. Mere knowledge of the impending wrongful act does not in itself amount to consent under the maxim 'volenti non fit injuria'. Discuss.
3. "The chain of causation between the defendant's act and the plaintiff injury must not be too remote for no man is liable in law 'ad-infinitum' for the consequences of his act" Discuss the test of reasonable foresight with the help of suitable decided cases.

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