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National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam
B.A.,LL.B.(Hons.): I-Year, I-Semester (Academic Year: 2017-18)

Mid Semester Examination (October, 2017)

Subject Code: 1.1 English - I

Time: 1:15 Hrs.

Total Marks: 20

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Read the questions carefully and answer.
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Answer any two questions from the following. All questions carry equal marks.

1. According to David Wells, *Requiem* emphasizes "the courage and persistence of Russian women outside the prisons of the 1930s and lay[s] great weight on the power of poetry to record their sufferings and to transcend them". Describe how Anna Akhmatova articulates her pain of the years of the Yezhov terror and perpetuates the memory of it in defense against the forgetfulness of time.
2. Shylock is the one of the most vivid and memorable characters among Shakespeare's dramatic creations. Analyse the character of Shylock with suitable illustrations from the text. Do you think he was more 'sinned against' than 'sinning'. Justify your answer from your reading of the play *The Merchant of Venice*?
3. In the essay *Shooting an Elephant*, the narrator's conscience troubles him significantly as he discovers himself trapped between the hatred of the empire that he served and his anger at the 'evil-spirited little beasts' who made his work impossible and difficult in Moulmein. Describe after the narrator, the anti-European feeling prevalent in Moulmein, as well as the reasons which compelled 'the Sahib', George Orwell, to shoot the elephant.

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Subject Code: 1.2 History - I

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1. The Indian tradition until the seventh century A.D. lacks any literature which can be specifically described as historical writing. Historical records are embedded in various kinds of literature which are not historical documents per se. Discuss.
2. State formation in early India is a history of changing structures of polity, the role of ideology in sustaining it, the transcendental authority of the *Brahmanas* and the socio-economic milieu within which it is situated. Discuss the nature of political institutions in the Vedic period till the 6th century B.C.
3. The Ashokan inscriptions present King Ashoka as a pious follower of the Buddha. Were Ashoka's concept of *Dhamma* and *Dhammavijaya* similar to the preachings of Buddhism? If the charisma of Buddhism lay in the pursuit of non-orthodox knowledge and the flouting of social conventions, then how far did Ashoka's *Dhamma* prescribe to these ideals?

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Subject Code: 1.3 Political Science - I

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Answer any two questions from the following. All questions carry equal marks.

1. No state today exists independently without sovereignty, one of the most essential elements of state. Discuss the nature and the kinds of sovereignty. Substantiate your answer by explaining the factors that challenge the sovereignty of a country in the contemporary times.
2. Amongst the hordes of theories about the origin of state, social contract theory occupies the most pivotal place. Explain the emergence of state in relation to the social contract theory as expounded by John Locke. Also, discuss how John Locke's theory of social contract debunks the theory of divine origin of the state.
3. Federalism, one of the prevailing forms of government, has its strengths and weaknesses. Delineate the salient conditions necessary for the effective functioning of the federal form of government. Also write the notable characteristics that differentiate a federal form of government from a unitary form of government.

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Subject Code: 1.4 Sociology - I

Time: 1:15 Hrs.

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Answer any two questions from the following. All questions carry equal marks.

1. Discuss the relationship between Sociology and History. Also highlight the relationship between Sociology and Political Science.
2. Define Sociology. Discuss the Nature and Scope of Sociology. Why is this significant for a Law student?
3. Bring out an analytical comparison between the Functionalist and Conflict perspective of Sociology with suitable illustrations.

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Subject Code: 1.5 Legal Methods and Social Sciences

Research Methodology

Time: 1:15 Hrs.

Total Marks: 20

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Answer any two questions from the following. All questions carry equal marks.

1. Elaborate the importance and significance of understanding of the meaning of “law in action” from the perspective of a law student.
2. What do you understand by Hierarchy of Courts? Discuss how the hierarchy courts of India functions to propagate justice, liberty and equality as envisioned in the Constitution of India?
3. Discuss in detail the how the study of logic had contributed in the better understanding and application of Legal Methods?

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Subject Code: 1.6 Law of Torts and Motor Vehicles Act

Time: **1:15 Hrs.**

Total Marks: **20**

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Answer any two questions from the following. All questions carry equal marks.

1. Winfield, "Tortious liability arises from the breach of a duty primarily fixed by law; this duty is towards persons generally and its breach is redressible by an action for unliquidated damages." In the light of above statement, explain the definition and nature of tortious liability under the law of torts.
2. (a) What is the role of knowledge and consent in claiming defence under *volenti non fit injuria*? Explain with the help of suitable case laws.

(b) Explain mistake of law and mistake of facts under mistake as general defence under the law of torts.
3. Write short note on any two of the following:
 - (a) Negligence
 - (b) Necessity
 - (c) Inevitable Accident
