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National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam

B.A., LL.B. (Hons.): I-Year, I-Semester (Academic Year: 2018-19)

Semester End Examination (February, 2019)

Subject Code: 1.1 English - I

Time: **2:00 Hrs.**

Total Marks: **50**

INSTRUCTIONS:

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

1. "He would transact business on human terms and deal with love on business terms, and thus became Shylock's victim and Portia's pupil." Critically analyze the character of Antonio with apt illustrations from the play titled *The Merchant of Venice* by William Shakespeare. 10 Marks
2. Explain any one of the following legal maxims: 10 Marks
 - a) *Communis error facit jus* (Common error makes law)
 - b) *Actio personalis moritur cum persona* (A personal right of action dies with the person)
3. George Orwell had commented that if the novel, *Animal Farm*, does not speak for itself, then it is a failure. How does *Animal Farm* portray Orwell's own disillusionment with any form of revolutionary political change? Discuss the novel as a parody. 10 Marks
4. What are Consonants? Define them. Describe the consonants according to the organs which articulate them with examples. 3+7=10 Marks
5. Like Kafka's other novels, *The Trial* was never completed, although it does include a chapter which brings the story to an end. Discuss the ending of *The Trial*. 10 Marks
6. Answer the following questions: 5+5=10 Marks
 - A. Choose the appropriate form of the words given in brackets to fill in the blanks:
(seep, accord, construe, be, connote, propound, constitute, sustain, tolerate, acquaint)
 - a. The two men _____ serious injuries in the railway accident.
 - b. The term 'motherly' _____ love and affection.
 - c. The scientist _____ a new theory on the formation of the stars.
 - d. Your evidence does not _____ with the police officer's statement.
 - e. The chief merit of a democratic form of government is the _____ of dissenting opinion.

- f. The damp patches on the walls were caused by the _____ of rain water collected on the roof.
- g. She had only a slight _____ with western classical music and therefore enjoyed the concert.
- h. The principle of construction used in the judgment was that the word 'vegetable' should be _____ in the popular sense in which it is used.
- i. Women _____ less than one- third of the membership of the nature club.
- j. The hotel staff _____ happy about the pay hike.

B. Frame sentences with the given idioms :

- i. long for;
- ii. stave off;
- iii. trump up;
- iv. well off;
- v. bear down

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Subject Code: 1.2 History - I

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

1. Balban's despotism was of an extreme kind where the nobility could not even find a share, let alone domination, in the government. What was the relationship between the Sultan and the nobility of the Delhi Sultanate? What were the coercive instruments of authority Balban imposed to consolidate his position?
2. Give a detailed assessment of the agrarian reforms and market regulation policies of Alaudin Khalji and how it may have impacted the consolidation of the state.
3. It is argued that the early steps towards Akbar's religious toleration were dictated 'principally by the exigencies of state policy rather than consideration of religious tolerance or intellectual influence of any kind.' Comment.
4. Aurangzeb's inability to check the rising power of the Marathas under Shivaji led to general weakening of the Empire and erosion of imperial prestige. Discuss the various rebellions during Aurangzeb's reign with a special emphasis on the rise of the parallel Maratha Empire.
5. What were the reasons behind the outbreak of the Revolt of 1857? Can the Revolt be termed the first War of Indian Independence?
6. Write Short notes on **any two** the following:
 - (a) The Battle of Plassey
 - (b) Mohammad bin-Tughlaq
 - (c) Early Indian Nationalism
 - (d) The land revenue settlements under the East India Company

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Subject Code: 1.3 Political Science - I

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

1. Federal form of government and unitary form of government are two widely prevailing modern forms of government. While a single integrated system of government usually exercises all powers in a unitary system, there is a constitutional division of powers between national government and regional governments in a federal system. In this aspect, discuss the main strengths and weakness of federal form of government prevailing in many countries today. Also explain some of the merits and demerits of a unitary form of government.

10 Marks
2. The Judiciary, widely considered to be the guardian of constitution, has burgeoned its functions manifold with the changing times. And the efficiency and fairness of a government can be gauged from the point of how the judiciary functions independently. In this light, explain the main functions of judiciary in the modern democratic political system. Also, substantiate your answer by discussing some of the important prerequisites in order for the judiciary to be independent in the contemporary times.

10 Marks
3. The Legislature, a significant organ of the government largely seen to formulate the will of the state, manifests distinct kinds and functionalities in the modern times. Write some of the advantages as well as disadvantages of the unicameral legislature in comparison to the bicameral legislature. Further, explain the tools of the direct legislature such as plebiscite, referendum, recall and initiative being exercised in the present democratic political systems.

10 Marks
4. As one of the profound social contract theorists, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, the 18th century political thinker, had advanced a far reaching theory about the emergence of the state. Elucidate the social contract theory of Jean-Jacques Rousseau in relation to the

development of the state. Also explain how Jean-Jacques Rousseau's social contract theory profoundly negates the divine rights theory in relation to the origin of the state.

10 Marks

5. The Executive, often referred to as government, represents varied forms exhibiting different characteristics and functions. As the powers of the executive in general keeps widening with times, the executive is also inevitably entangled with enormous challenges. In this respect, explain the notable kinds of the executive prevailing in the modern times with suitable examples. Expand your answer by discussing some of the prerequisites for an effective executive.

10 Marks

6. As one of the profound social contract theorists, John Locke, the 17th century English political thinker, had propounded a far reaching theory about the emergence of the state in *Two Treatises of Government*. Without doubt, Locke's social contract theory has far reaching significance even today. Elucidate the social contract theory of John Locke in relation to the development of the state. Also write some of the unique merits of Locke's social contract theory.

10 Marks

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Subject Code: 1.4 Sociology - I

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Total Marks: **50**

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

1. Is Human Behavior shaped by the social system? Justify your answer with reference to the 'system theories' of Sociology.
2+8=10 Marks
2. Discuss some of the salient features of the North Indian Kinship Organisation as discussed by Iravati Karve. Contrast it with the features of the South Indian Kinship Organisation.
6+4=10 Marks
3. Hindu marriage is a sacrament whereas Muslim marriage is both a sacrament as well as a civil contract. Discuss.
10 Marks
4. Discuss the relationship between *Ethnocentrism*, *Acculturation* and *Cultural Relativism* in the context of Contemporary India with suitable illustrations.
10 Marks
5. What is *Sociological Imagination*? Self-concept is a social product. Critically discuss the aforementioned statement in the light of relevant theories of Sociology.
2+8=10 Marks
6. What are the changes taking place within the traditional family system in India? Is the Joint family being nuclearised? Justify your answer in the light of the studies done by I.P. Desai and K.M. Kapadia.
4+6=10 Marks

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Subject Code: 1.5 Legal Methods and Social Sciences

Research Methodology

Time: 2:00 Hrs.

Total Marks: 50

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1. Recently the Supreme Court of India had decriminalise the adultery law in India. It was hailed as come of age of Indian society from the colonial past. However, incidents of mob-lynching and two cases of attempt to suicide as well as actual suicide because of alleged adultery and declaration of having affair in certain pockets of India reflects a rather sordid story.

In this regard elaborate how the notion of “law in action” helps in understanding the complex underlying social, economic and political problems that Indian judiciary had addressed or failed to address.

2. Explain why research is called a systematic scientific process that involves skills, art and a strong sense of determination.
3. “Intellectual suffering which spring from experience is the mantra for formulation of research problem”. In the light of the given statement ‘formulate research problem’ to address the issues of crime against women in India.
4. Critically analyse the importance of ‘interview method’ in the development and progress of research.
5. “A good sample reflects workable data which more or less represents the entire universe!” Justify the given statement by elucidating the definition, the features and types of sampling method.
6. Write notes on:
 - (a) Longitudinal Research;
 - (b) Hypothesis.

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Subject Code: 1.6 Law of Torts and Motor Vehicles Act

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

1. (a) What are the basic facets for determining the conduct of a person as a tort?
(b) What is the difference of liability between *Injuria sine damno* and *Damnum sine Injuria*? Explain with suitable case laws.
2. (a) How is Act of State a justification for commission of a civil wrong in the society?
(b) What is the difference between the liability of the State for tort in sovereign acts and non-sovereign acts? Explain with suitable examples.
3. Determine the nature of vicarious liability in the light of the following:
Master-servant
Principal-Agent
Partnership
4. (a) Explain the nature and definition of trespass as a tort? What are the different types of trespass?
(b) What are the basic requirements for determining liability in trespass?
5. Elaborate on the principles required for establishing vicarious liability in law of torts. What are the essential facets of vicarious liability as a tort?
6. Write short notes on the following:
(a) Private nuisance
(b) Inevitable Accident
(c) Malice in fact
