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First Semester LL.M. Degree Examination, August 2022

Paper I : LAW AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

(2021 Scheme)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

Answer **all** questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. (a) "Society uses law, education, physical coercion and codes besides folkways, religion, traditional customs, mores etc. to exercise control over its members of society. The types of social control mechanisms used by society depend upon nature of society in terms of its organisational complexity." Elaborate.

OR

- (b) "The society gradually moves to an even higher state of civilization and that it advances in a linear fashion and in the direction of improvement." Elaborate on the linear theory of social change.

2. (a) "While many informal factors influence how people interact, modern societies rely upon law as a primary mechanism to formally control human behaviour. How legal rules impact societal development depends on the interplay between two types of actors: the people who create the rules and the people to which the rules potentially apply." Discuss.

OR

- (b) "In the 19th century, thinkers such as Maine, Durkheim, and Weber, who studied the emergence of industrial civilization, considered law a major factor in the processes they examined and, accordingly, made significant contributions to our knowledge about the social role of law". Elaborate on the inter-connect between legalism and capitalism.

3. (a) Discuss in detail the impact of Islamic rule in India. Touch upon the contributions and the harm done to Indian society and polity by the said Islamic rulers in India.

OR

- (b) Discuss in detail the contributions made by the British-made laws towards social transformation during their reign in India.
4. (a) "Legislative response to discrimination faced by Dalits and Adivasis in India have many a times fallen short of intended results, but the judiciary has stepped in with pivotal interventions at critical junctures". Examine and elaborate on the statement (critically if necessary).

OR

- (b) "The agrarian reform program is founded on the right of farmers and regular farmworkers, who are landless, to own directly or collectively the lands they till or, in the case of other farm workers, to receive a just share of the fruits thereof" In light of the recent farmers protests in different parts of India, elaborate on the changes that agrarian reforms brought about in India.
5. (a) "As noted by the CEDAW Committee, gender-based discrimination is based on gender stereotypes, stigma, harmful and patriarchal cultural norms and gender-based violence, all of which adversely impact on the ability of women to gain access to justice on an equal basis with men (CEDAW Committee, General Recommendation 33, para. 8)" Elaborate (illustratively citing legislations and judicial decisions) on how the Indian laws deal with gender-based social conflicts.

OR

- (b) Elaborate on the contribution of the provisions of the Indian Constitution in socially and economically empowering women. Cite relevant examples and judicial decisions as well.

(5 × 12 = 60 Marks)