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## Second Semester LL.M. Degree Examination, March 2025

**Branch II: Constitutional Law** 

Paper II: CONSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE

(2021 Admission Onwards)

Time: 3 Hours Max. Marks: 60

Answer all questions. All questions carry equal marks.

- 1. (a) Write short notes on the followings:
  - (i) Doctrine of colourable legislation
  - (ii) Doctrine of pith and substance.

 $(2 \times 6 = 12)$ 

OR

- (b) Examine the salient features of the Constitution of India.
- 2. (a) Examine the powers and privileges of the Parliament in India. Refer to case laws. Compare with the position in the United States.

OR

(b) "The power of the President to suspend, remit and commute sentences is equivalent to the power of the appropriate government to do the same as the president is bound by the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers" Comment.

3.	(a)	Examine the laws relating to anti defection in India.	Have	these	laws	been
		useful in curbing defection in India?				

OR

- (b) Critically examine the powers of the Governor under the Constitution of India. Is the Governor bound to act according to the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers? Refer to case laws.
- 4. (a) Examine the provisions in the Constitution of India to ensure the independence of the judiciary.

OR

- (b) Critically examine the mode of appointment of judges in India with the aid of case laws.
- 5. (a) Write short notes on the followings:
  - (i) Comptroller and Auditor General of India
  - (ii) Finance Commission.

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OR

(b) Examine the role of the Election Commission of India in ensuring a free and fair election.

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