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First Semester LL.M Degree Examination, October 2025

Paper I : LAW AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

(2021 Admission Onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

Answer all questions. All questions carry equal marks.

1. (a) "Law is created and put into practice through societal processes. Simultaneously law effects and affects social change. Beyond a causal relationship, law is further understood to constitute social institutions such as the polity, family, property, corporation, crime, even the individual." Elaborate on the relationship of law and society.

OR

- (b) "The deterministic theory of social change is a widely accepted theory of social change among contemporary sociologists. According to this theory there are certain forces, social or natural or both, which bring about social change. It is not reason or intellect but the presence of certain forces and circumstances which determine the course of social change." Discuss in detail.
2. (a) "Law is the reflection of the will and wish of the society. When law changes the society it is the sign of beginning of the development of the society. When society changes law it is the sign of maturity of the society." Elaborate on the correlation between law and social change.

OR

- (b) "Normative legal theory is concerned with the ends and justifications for the law as a whole and for particular legal rules." Elaborate.

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3. (a) "Sanskritization is no doubt an awkward term, but it was preferred to Brahmanization for several reasons: Brahmanization is subsumed in the wider process of Sanskritization though at some points Brahmanization and Sanskritization are at variance with each other." Elaborate on the concept of Sanskritization and its impact in India.

OR

- (b) "The major approaches for studying social change in India are (i) Evolutionary (ii) Cultural and (iii) Structural." Elaborate.
4. (a) Elaborate on the importance and impact of agrarian reforms in the Indian society. How effectively have these reforms been implemented and made effective use of?

OR

- (b) Examine in detail the response of the Indian legislatures and judiciary towards the plight of Dalits and Adivasis in India?
5. (a) "Transgender rights have started gaining prominence over the last decade in India with the legislature and judiciary stepping in with remarkable interventions." Elaborate.

OR

- (b) "In India, basically there were three phases of feminism. Unlike the western world, the feminist movement in India was actually initiated by men. It was meant for the upliftment of women so that they can join forces with others in the freedom struggle. Post-independence as the Constitution of India guaranteed equality between sexes, there was not much of an uproar about equality as the roles, functions; aims and desire of women were different. With the increase of globalization and the concept of personal rights, feminism has taken a new shape in India." Elaborate.

(5 × 12 = 60 Marks)