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**Sixth Semester B.A. LL.B./B.Com. LL.B/B.B.A. LL.B (Five Year Integrated)
Degree Examination, November 2025**

Paper IV — LAW OF EVIDENCE

(2011 – 2019 Admission)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

PART – I

Answer **any five** questions. Each question carries **2** marks. Answers should not exceed **50** words.

1. Fact in Issue
2. Ancient Documents
3. Dying Declaration
4. Pedigree Evidence
5. Estoppel
6. Leading Questions
7. Approver

(5 × 2 = 10 Marks)

PART – II

Answer **any four** questions. Each question carries **4** marks. Answers should not exceed **120** words.

1. Distinguish between oral and documentary evidence.
2. What is expert opinion under the law of Evidence?

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3. Explain the relevance of *res gestae*.
4. Write about protected statements in Evidence law.
5. Write about the modes of proving custom.

(4 × 4 = 16 Marks)

PART – III

Answer any four questions. Each question carries 6 marks.

1. Ramesh was attacked and sustained serious injuries. While being taken to the hospital, he told his brother, "Vijay stabbed me because I refused to lend him money." He died soon after. The prosecution wants to rely on this statement as evidence. Discuss whether the statement is admissible and under what provision of the Evidence Act.
2. A police officer recorded a confessional statement from an accused during investigation, leading to the recovery of a stolen necklace from a nearby field. The prosecution seeks to prove the confession in court. Examine what portion, if any, of this statement is admissible in light of Section 27 of the Indian Evidence Act.
3. In a property dispute, the plaintiff produces a registered sale deed executed in 1890, obtained from government archives, to prove ownership. The defendant argues that the document cannot be relied upon as it is too old and no living witness can prove its execution. Discuss the admissibility and evidentiary value of the document.
4. During trial, a key witness turns hostile and contradicts his earlier statement given to the police under Section 161 CrPC. The prosecution seeks to rely on the earlier statement to impeach his credibility. Discuss the evidentiary value of such testimony and the court's approach to hostile witnesses.
5. A 9-year-old child is the sole eyewitness to a murder. The defence objects to his testimony on the ground that a child of such age is unreliable. The judge, after preliminary questioning, finds that the child understands the duty to speak the truth. Discuss the legal position on *child witnesses* and whether conviction can rest solely on such testimony.

(4 × 6 = 24 Marks)

PART – IV

Answer **any three** questions. Each question carries **10** marks. Answers should not exceed **300** words.

1. What is the rule of estoppel? Discuss about the different kinds of estoppel.
2. Explain the law relating to admissions and confessions and their evidentiary value.
3. Analyse the Rule against Hearsay and its exceptions under the Act.
4. Discuss the principles governing examination of witnesses and the power of the judge in evidence-taking.

(3 × 10 = 30 Marks)

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