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**Tenth Semester B.A. LL.B./B.Com. LL.B./B.B.A. LL.B. (Five Year
Integrated) Degree Examination, April 2020**

PAPER II : WOMEN AND THE LAW (OPTIONAL)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

PART I

1. Explain any **five** of the following. Each question carries **2** marks. Answers should not exceed **50** words.
- Social Reform Movement in India
 - Marumakkathayam law and rights of women
 - Cyber crimes against women
 - Inheritance right of women under Christian law
 - Gender division of labour
 - In camera proceedings
 - Law relating to Obscenity and Indecent Representation of Women

(5 × 2 = 10 Marks)

PART II

2. Answer any **four** of the following. Each question carries **4** marks. Answer should not exceed **120** words.
- Write a short note on Feminist movements.
 - What are the conditions for a valid marriage under the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955?

- (c) Discuss the main objectives of the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961.
- ✓(d) What is Uniform Civil Code? How does it seek to achieve gender justice?
- (e) Explain briefly the remedial and rehabilitative provisions under the Immoral Traffic Prevention Act.

(4 × 4 = 16 Marks)

PART III

3. Answer any **four** of the following. Each question carries **6** marks.

- ✓(a) The marriage between a Hindu Male P and a Hindu female Q was solemnised in accordance with customary rites and ceremonies. A year after marriage, P left home abandoning Q and has thereafter not cared for Q nor enquired about her welfare. After a lapse of about 9 years, Q now wants to file a petition for divorce on ground of desertion. Advise Q.
- ✓(b) Rape was committed on 'C' as a result of which she became pregnant. 'C' goes to a hospital for terminating the pregnancy. Decide whether C's pregnancy can be lawfully terminated.
- (c) The husband of P subjects her to harassment for refusing to give her ornaments for pledging them for buying liquor. Decide whether the act of the husband amounts to crime against woman.
- (d) A female employee was discharged from service during her probationary period on the ground that she had furnished incorrect information in the declaration form with regard to her last menstruation period to suppress the fact of her pregnancy. She challenges her discharge from service. Will she succeed?
- ✓(e) X, a junior female IAS officer was asked to report at the Minister's chamber for an official meeting. In the course of the meeting, the minister attempted to have physical contact with the IAS officer and made advances against the said officer which was resisted by her. Does X have any remedy against the minister?

(4 × 6 = 24 Marks)

PART IV

4. Answer any **three** of the following. Each question carries **10** marks.

- (a) Discuss the provisions in the Fundamental Rights regarding protective discrimination in favour of women and prohibition against inequality on grounds of sex.
- (b) What is domestic violence? Discuss the legislative measures for protection of women from domestic violence.
- (c) Examine the social legislations in India to promote dowry prohibition, prevent female foeticide and to punish sexual harassment at the work place.
- (d) Briefly enumerate the laws that are intended for the welfare of women employees.

(3 × 10 = 30 Marks)
