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TOPICS FOR INTERNAL ASSESSMENT ASSIGNMENTS 2008–09

Course : LL.M. (Previous)

- Note:** 1. Students are advised to read the separate enclosed instructions, before beginning the writing Assignments.
2. Out of 20 Internal Assignment marks per paper, 5 marks will be awarded for regularity (attendance) to Counseling/Contact Programme Classes pertaining to the paper. Therefore, the topics given blow are only for 15 marks each paper.
3. ANSWERS must be brief and where ever required answers must be substantiated with relevant Case Laws / Statutory Provision.

Answer any TWO Topics/ Questions from each of the papers. Each Topic carries 7½ Marks.

Paper1: Law and Social Transformation in India

1. Discuss the concept of law as an instrument of social change.
2. “To what extent non-discrimination on the ground of caste” has contributed to social transformation. Discuss.
3. “The gender discriminations most often invades dignity of life and right to privacy of women.” Elucidate.

Paper 2: Indian Constitution: The New Challenges

1. “Arbitrariness is anathema to equality”. Discuss with reference to case law.
2. Evaluate the relevance of grounds of restriction on freedom of speech in the context of communication explosion.
3. What new dimensions Art 21 has acquired due to reading of directive principles into fundamental rights?

Paper 3: Judicial Process

1. “Judicial process is the methodology adopted in adjudication of disputes, commencing from institution of suit to execution of a decree” – Critically examine.
2. Examine the contemporary dimensions of judicial activism and structural challenges.
3. Critically examine the scope and limits of institutional liability of courts.

Paper 4: Legal Education and Research Methodology

1. Briefly analyse the concept reflection, science and research and their importance to the legal research.
2. What is Hypothesis to a researcher? Explain research design with respect to Hypothesis.
3. Write short Notes on:
 1. Legal Aids Scheme in Law Institution
 2. Workshop/Seminar methods in Legal Education

Paper 5: Doctrinal and Non-Doctrinal Research (Practical)

There is no Internal Assignment for Paper-05. Candidates are to prepare Two Dissertations one on Doctrinal and another on Non-Doctrinal mode respectively. Students are expected to follow the guidance given in the study guide lines on Paper V.

Students may select any relevant topic for the preparation of the Dissertation. The rationale behind this part of the course is to sharpen the Written, Communication skills and also to channelise their thought process.

The Non-Doctrinal work may be Comprehensive case study/Emperical study/ Field study.

1. The student may choose any Topic of his/her choice relevant to the Syllabus for the purpose of the study. (Refer Chapter II of Practical Paper)

The Dissertations must be in the following form :

The information collected has to be presented in an organised and structural way. The design of the dissertation shall consist of

1. Introduction
2. Objectives of the Study
3. Methodology
4. Limitations
5. Core-Chapter-Evaluation
6. Findings and suggestion
7. Bibliography

Footnotes or Chapter notes is a must.

The subject matter organised as above has to be neatly typed or computerised and submitted in the hard bound form along with respective CDs. The ideal size of the Dissertation may be in the range of 50 to 60 Pages.

Submission of the Dissertation :

One copy of each Dissertation (Doctrinal and Non-Doctrinal work) shall be submitted to ***“The Director, Directorate of Distance Education, Kuvempu University, Shankaraghatta – 577 451”, on or before 31st AUGUST 2009 Dissertation received after due Date will not be considered for Valuation.***

Paper 6: The Law of Intellectual Property

1. Explain the concept of intellectual property. Discuss its economic and Philosophic justifications.
2. Examine the formalities and procedures to be satisfied for grants of patents.
3. Write short Notes on:
 1. Plant Breeders Rights
 2. Patenting of life forms.