

# Syllabus LL.M. Part I

## PAPER I

### LAW AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION IN INDIA.

#### Unit 1:

##### **(A) Concept of Social Change and Social Transformation**

- i) Relation between Law and Public Opinion
- ii) Law as an instrument of social change
- iii) Sociological school and its, applicability in India.
- iv) Principles of social legislation

##### **(B) Religion and the Law:**

- i) Religion-its meaning and relationship with law
- ii) Evaluation of Religion as an integrative and divisive factor
- iii) Concept of Secularism in Indian Perspective
- iv) Religious minorities and the law

#### Unit 2 :

##### **(A) Language and the Law:**

- i) Multi-linguistic culture and its impact on policy in governance
- ii) Role of Language in society
- iii) Formation of linguistic states-critical evaluation
- iv) Constitutional guarantee to linguistic minorities
- v) Language policy and the Constitution; Official language

##### **(B) Community and the Law:**

- i) Caste as a socio-cultural reality and role of caste as a divisive and integrative factor
- ii) Non-discrimination on the ground of caste
- iii) Protective discrimination; Scheduled Castes, tribes and backward classes
- iv) Reservation Policy, Statutory Commissions and Problems of National Integration

#### Unit 3 :

##### **(A) Regionalism and the Law:**

- i) Role of Regionalism as a divisive and integrative factor
- ii) Concept of India as one unit

##### **(B) Women and the Law:**

- i) Position and role of women in Indian society
- ii) Crimes against women
- iii) Gender injustice and its various forms, causes and remedies
- iv) Women's Commission
- vi) Empowerment of women; Constitutional and other legal provisions

## **Unit 4 :**

### **(A) Children and the Law :**

- i) Child labour
- ii) Sexual exploitation
- iii) Adoption, maintenance and related problems
- iv) Children and education-a constitutional mandate

### **(B) Modernization and the Law**

- i) Modernisation as a value: Constitutional perspectives
- ii) Modernisation of social institutions through law
- iii) Reform of family law
- iv) Criminal Law : Plea bargaining; compounding and payment of compensation to victims
- v) Civil Law (ADR) Confrontation v. Consensus; mediation and conciliation; Lok Adalat

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**PAPER II**  
**INDIAN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW : THE NEW CHALLENGES**

**Unit 1 :**

Freedom :

- i) Creation of new states
- ii) The inter-state disputes on resources
- iii) Freedom of Trade, Commerce and Intercourse
- iv) Services under Union
- v) Emergency Provisions
- vi) Federal Comity

**Unit 2 :**

- (A) "State" Meaning and Scope in Modern Perspective
- (B) Right to equality : Privatization and its impact on affirmative action
- (C) Freedom of Press and challenges of new scientific development
- i) Freedom of speech
- ii) Right to strike, hartal and bandh
- iii) Emerging regime of new right and remedies-Right to Education; Right to Information and Right to Privacy, Right to Health
- iv) Reading Directive Principles and Fundamental Duties into Fundamental Rights
- v) Compensation jurisprudence
- vi) Right to life and liberty and Criminal Jurisprudence
- vii) Commercialisation of education and its impact

**Unit 3 :**

Stresses and Strains of Governance

- i) Right of minorities
- ii) Secularism and religious fanaticism
- iii) Separation of powers : stresses and strain
- iv) Judicial activism and judicial restraint
- v) PIL : Implementation
- vi) Judicial independence
- vii) Appointment, transfer and removal of judges
- viii) Accountability : Executive and judiciary

**Unit 4 :**

Democratic Process :

- i) Nexus of politics with criminals and the business
- ii) Election : Mechanism and Procedure
- iii) Election Commission : Status
- iv) Electoral Reforms : Accountability, Transparency, Free and Fair, Election and remedies
- v) Coalition Government, stability, durability, corrupt practice
- vi) Grassroot democracy, Democratic decentralization and local self government.

## **PAPER III JUDICIAL PROCESS**

### **Unit 1.**

Doctrine of Precedent-Ratio decidendi and Obiter Dictum-methods of determining ratio-Stare decisis and its exceptions-precedent in common law and Civil law Countries.

### **Unit 2.**

Logic and growth in law (both under Code system and. Common law)-Categories of illusory Reference-legal reasoning (judicial as well as juristic). New rhetorics - role of judicial Concepts and judicial discretion in judicial reasoning.

### **Unit 3.**

Nature of judicial process--search for the legislative- intention-methods. of judicial interpretation-role of Philosophy, logic, history tradition and sociology - judge as legislature-judicial creativity and its limitations.

### **Unit 4.**

Judicial process in Indian legal system- operation of precedent in India-Judicial process in a statue free zone and judicial: process on statutory materials-Judicial activism vis-a-vis judicial self restraint.

Prospective overruling- basic structure theory and limitations to constitutional amendments.

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**PAPER IV**  
**LEGAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**

**Unit 1 :**

- i) Objectives of Legal Education
- ii) Lecture Method of Teaching-Merits and demerits
- iii) The problem method
- iv) Discussion method and its suitability at postgraduate level teaching
- v) The seminar method of teaching
- vi) Examination system and problems in evaluation -external and internal assessment
- vi) Student participation in, law school programmes, Organization of seminars, publication of journal and assessment of teachers
- viii) Clinical legal education-legal aid, legal literacy, legal survey and law reform

**Unit 2 :**

Research Method :

- i) Socio Legal Research
- ii) Doctrinal and non-doctrinal
- iii) Relevance of empirical research
- iv) Induction and deduction
- v) Identification of problem of research what is a research problem
- vi) Survey of available literature and preparation of bibliography

**Unit 3 :**

- i) Juristic writings-a survey of juristic literature its relevance in selection of problems in India and foreign periodicals
- ii) Compilation of list of reports or special studies conducted relevant to the problems
- iii) Formulation of the Research problem
- iv) Devising tools and techniques for collection of data
- v) Methods for the collection of statutory and case material and juristic literature
- vi) Use of historical and comparative research material
- vii) Use of observation studies
- viii) Use of questionnaires/interview
- ix) Use of case studies
- x) Sampling procedures. design of sample, types of sampling to be adopted
- xi) Use of scaling techniques

**Unit 4 :**

- i) Jurimetrics
- ii) Computerized Research-A study of legal research programmes such as Lexis and West law coding
- iii) Classification and Tabulation of data-use of cards for data collection. Rules for tabulation, Explanation of tabulated data
- iv) Analysis of data-Qualitative and Quantitative
- v) Report writing

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**PAPER V**  
**FOUNDATION OF CONTRACTUAL LIABILITY**

**Unit 1**

Formation of Contract: A critical study of offer and acceptance.

Doctrine of Consideration and Privity of Contract

**Unit 2**

Capacity to contract: Nature of minor's agreements and the doctrine of restitution.

Consent: Meaning, importance and the factors vitiating free consent with special reference to Fraud and Misrepresentation.

Standard form Contracts.

**Unit 3**

Void Agreements: With special reference to agreements relating to restraint of trade and wagering agreements.

Discharge of contracts with special reference to the doctrine of frustration.

**Unit 4**

Relations resembling those created by contract.

Remedy in the form of compensation.

**Suggested Readings**

1. Cheshire Fifoot - The Law of Contract.
2. Bollock and Mulla - The Indian Contract and. Specific Relie
3. Anson's - Law of Contract
4. P.S.Atiyah - An introduction to the Law of Contracts
5. P.S.Atiyah - The Rise and fall of Freedom of Contra
6. G.H. Tritel - Law of Contracts
7. Avtar Singh - The Law of contracts
8. Desai - Law of Contract

## **PAPER VI JURISPRUDENCE**

### **UNIT 1**

1. Definition, nature scope and value of Jurisprudence
2. Schools of Jurisprudence
  - (a) Natural Law
  - (b) Analytical
  - (c) Historical
  - (d) Sociological
  - (e) Realist School
  - (f) Economic Theory.

### **UNIT-2**

1. Definition of Law and its scope
2. Sources of Law - (a) Custom (b) Precedent and (c) Legislation
3. Administration of Justice and Theories of Punishment

### **UNIT-3**

1. Law and Morality
2. Law and Society

### **UNIT-4**

1. Concepts of Law
  - (a) Right and Duty
  - (b) Legal Person
  - (c) Possession
  - (d) Ownership
  - (e) Property
  - (f) Liability
  - (g) Obligation



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## **PAPER VII**

### **Teaching project**

Student has to teach students of BA. LLB and submit reports .