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**B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) DEGREE FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION,
NOVEMBER 2019**

LEGAL METHODS

Answer ANY FIVE questions

Each question carries TEN MARKS

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum marks: 50

- I. Explain the hierarchy and jurisdiction of courts exercising criminal jurisdiction in India
- II. Write notes on the following:
(a) Courts in the French legal system.
(b) Federal court structure in the United States of America.
- III. What are the various legal materials one can locate in a law library? Distinguish between primary and secondary legal authorities.
- IV. Explain the various schemes relating to commencement of an Act enacted by the Parliament of India.
- V. Write a detailed note on the application of the doctrine of *stare decisis* in India.
- VI. What is *ratio decidendi* of a judgment? Write a note on Wambaugh test for determination of *ratio decidendi*.
- VII. Explain the significance and utility of legal citations in legal writing. Convert the following information into the standard modes of citation of (a) Supreme Court Cases; (b) All India Reporter; (c) Kerala Law Times; Volume: 3; Year: 2019; Page: 300; Volume: 3; Court: Supreme Court.
