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B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) DEGREE FOURTH SEMESTER EXAMINATION, MAY 2022

FAMILY LAW I

PART A

Answer any four of the following questions

(Each question carries 10 marks)

- A. Write notes on:
 - a. Mitakshara and Dayabhaga schools of Hindu law
 - b. Sources of Muslim law
- B. What is the concept of marriage under the Hindu law? Analyse the provisions of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 dealing with the validity of a marriage
- C. Distinguish between judicial separation and divorce. What are the major grounds for divorce provided by different statutes?
- D. Write notes on:
 - a. Dower under Muslim law
 - b. Acknowledgement of paternity under Muslim law
- E. Discuss the jurisdiction and procedures of Family Courts under the Family Courts Act. How far do you think the conciliation mechanisms incorporated in the Act are effective?
- F. Comment on the significance of Special Marriage Act, 1954 in a country like India. Elucidate the procedure for solemnization of Marriage under the Act.

PART B

Answer any two of the following questions

(Each question carries 5 marks)

- G. X, a bachelor aged 30 adopted a boy, who is aged 13. Discuss the validity of the adoption under the Hindu Adoption and Maintenance Act, 1956. Can X adopt another boy?
- H. Savitri is a Hindu woman who has a living husband and also two children who have attained majority. Now Savitri is 65 years old and is not in a position to earn a livelihood. Discuss how and from whom she can claim maintenance.
- I. Imthiaz, a Sunni Muslim marries his wife's sister during the life time of his wife. Is the marriage valid? What would be the status of the children born out of that marriage?
