

HONS. 01/006/23

B A. LL.B., (Hons) DEGREE FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS, NOVEMBER 2023

LEGAL METHODS

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks :50

Part – A

Answer ANY THREE questions. Each question carries TEN marks

(3 x 10 = 30 Marks)

1. Identify and describe the various types of legislative materials that are available in the Indian legal landscape. Elucidate the various components of a 'Central Act' enacted by the Parliament of India and assented by the President of India.
2. Identify and list out the different types of jurisdictions exercised by the Supreme Court of India. Discuss in detail the scope of the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of India.
3. What is *ratio decidendi* of a judgment? Explain Wambaugh's and Goodhart's test for determining *ratio decidendi* of a judgment.
4. Analyse the scope of the doctrine of *stare decisis*. Explain the approach of the Supreme Court of India towards the applicability of the doctrine of *stare decisis* in India.
5. Describe the scope of prospective overruling. Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of the doctrine.

Write notes on ANY FOUR of the following. Each question carries FIVE marks

(4 x 5 = 20 Marks)

6. Hierarchy of courts in American Legal System.
7. Rules of judicial discipline with special emphasis on reference to larger Benches.
8. Different types of legal materials available in a law library.
9. Legal citations and their function in legal writing.
10. Components of a judicial opinion.
11. Distinction between the doctrines of *per incuriam* and *sub-silentio*
