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**B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) DEGREE SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION,
MAY 2023**

LAW OF CRIMES – 1

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 50

PART – A

Answer ***ANY SIX*** questions. Each question carries ***FIVE*** marks.

(6 x 5 = 30)

1. Explain *actus non facit reum nisi mens sit rea* and its relevance to defining offences in India.
2. Why do you think punishments are dealt with in detail in the Penal Code? Would you suggest changes to the same? If so, what changes?
3. How relevant is a causal link in establishing responsibility? When can it be claimed to have been broken?
4. Would it be better if the Penal Code defined properly, and in detail, the words employed to denote *mens rea*?
5. Are attempts inchoate? Why?
6. What is meant by joint responsibility? Where does it differ from group / constructive responsibility?
7. Why and when are mistakes considered as a good defence?
8. When is consent a good defence and why?

PART – B

Answer ***ANY TWO*** questions. Each question carries ***TEN*** marks.

(2 x 10 = 20)

9. A sets fire to the ground floor of a three storeyed building with the intention of destroying evidence of a case pending against him kept on the ground floor. M, residing on the 2nd floor of the same building, dies of suffocation. Discuss the responsibility of A for M's death.
10. P, while driving on a narrow lane, suddenly hears what sounds to him as a siren of an ambulance. Though no ambulance appeared, he over speeds and causes hurt to a pedestrian. On being charged, he wants to put up appropriate defences. Does he have any exception(s) available under the Penal Code?

11. T brandishes a toy gun on C. C responds with disproportionate force. Can T defend himself appropriately and claim private defence? Why?

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