B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) DEGREE SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION, MAY 2024

LAW OF TORT

Duration: 3 HOURS

Maximum Marks: 50

Answer **ANY FIVE** questions. Each question carries **TEN** marks (5x 10 = 50 Marks)

- 1. Discuss the nature and scope of tort law. Compare it with criminal liability.
- 2. What are the ingredients of tortious liability? Does all damage result in injury and liability?
- 3. Do you feel that defamation as a tort needs to be redefined in today's circumstances? In your opinion, has the importance of the concept of reputation grown or waned over the years? Cite case law wherever necessary.
- 4. "Even accidental entry into another's land may be regarded as trespass". How true is this statement? What are the legitimate defences in the case of trespass to land?
- 5. P is a participant at the state level school athletic fest in the javelin throw event. On her third attempt, the javelin veers off course and injures another student Q who was standing 55 metres away, participating in the shot put event. Q who was in no position to see the danger was seriously injured by the javelin and had to give up school and athletics for almost two years. Q's parents along with Q sue the organisers, Q's school authorities and P for the gross injuries suffered by Q and her consequential losses. Can Q's parents succeed? How can the event organisers, school authorities and P defend themselves?
- 6. Has the time come for vicarious liability to be disregarded as a principle of tortious liability? Give reasons for your views whether you are arguing for its retention OR its renunciation.
- 7. "Nuisance as a tort is probably more dependent on circumstances than definitive rules and
 - Ingredients". Do you agree? Substantiate.
- 8. Write **SHORT NOTES** on **ANY TWO** of the following (5 marks **EACH**)
 - (a) Absolute liability.
 - (b) Trespass to goods and conversion.

(c) Government's liability for torts committed by its agents and employees.
