

**HONS. 04/001/24**

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

**FAMILY LAW I**

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 50

**PART A**

**Answer any four of the following questions (Each question carries 10 marks)**

- I. Write notes on:
  - a. Schools of Hindu law
  - b. Sources of Muslim law
- II. Explain the situations in which marriages become void and irregular under the Muslim law. What are the legal consequences incidental to such marriages?
- III. Elucidate the provision under the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 dealing with grounds of divorce. Make a comparison with Divorce Act, 1869.
- IV. Write notes on :
  - a. Irretrievable breakdown as a ground for divorce
  - b. Restitution of conjugal rights.
- V. 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?
- VI. Explain the procedure and conditions of adoption under the Hindu Adoption and Maintenance Act. Compare them with the relevant provisions under the Juvenile Justice Act.
- VII. Write notes on:
  - a. *Aggrieved person* and *respondent* under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005.
  - b. Dower and dowry

(4 x 10 = 40)

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## **PART B**

### **Answer any two of the following questions (Each question carries 5 marks)**

- VIII. Dev and Mala were married according to Hindu law. One year after the marriage, as Rena did not conceive, she was taken to a gynaecologist. After the medical examination the doctor told Dev that Mala had got her uterus removed due to a medical condition, a few years back. Mala was immediacy send back to her parents' house. After that Dev filed a petition for annulling the marriage on the grounds of impotency and fraud on the part of Mala. While the petition was pending Dev married another girl named Jaya. Examine the legal status of both the marriages.
- IX. Lakshmi is a Hindu woman who has a living husband and also two children who have attained majority. Now Lakshmi is 67 years old and is not in a position to earn a livelihood. Analyse the relevant legal provisions and discuss how and from whom she can claim maintenance.
- X. Sarita and Hemath were living together for five years in an apartment jointly purchased by them. After five years Hemath developed a drinking habit and started ill-treating Sarita in several ways. Sarita files a complaint under the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 claiming Protection Order. Hemath defends the complaint on the ground that they were never married does not come within the purview of the Act. Discuss.

(2 x 5 = 10)

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