

**B.A.,LL.B (Hons.) DEGREE SEVENTH SEMESTER EXAMINATION,  
DECEMBER 2020**

**LAW RELATING TO SOCIO-ECONOMIC OFFENCES**

**Duration : 10.00 am – 1.45 pm**

**Maximum Marks: 50**

**Answer All questions. Each question carries TEN marks (5 \* 10= 50 Marks)**

**(5\* 10 = 50)**

**Module 1 Time 10 a.m-10.45 a.m (35 minutes for writing and 10 minutes for uploading)**

1. a) Highlight the various recommendations and suggestions mentioned in the various Law Commission Reports and other Committees to make the legislations dealing with socio-economic offences more effective.

OR

b) Critically examine the statement that “legislative measures adopted in India to arrest the menace of socio economic crimes is centered around ‘elimination of modification of the requirement of *mens rea*, higher powers to magistrates, search and similar powers, special rules of evidence, *etc*”.

**Module 2 Time 10.45 a.m-11.30 a.m (35 minutes for writing and 10 minutes for uploading)**

2. a) Discuss the evolution of the judicial approach to the interpretation of the term “public servant” in the context of prevention of corruption in the public and government sector. Explain how the term “public servant” and the concept of “prior sanction” is understood within the Prevention of Corruption Act, 2018. What does the recent judicial approach to these concepts indicate?

OR

b) Compare and contrast the important provisions in the Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, 2018 and the Prevention of Money-Laundering Act, 2002.

**Module 3 Time 11.30 a.m-12.15 p.m (35 minutes for writing and 10 minutes for uploading)**

3. a) Trace the history and the important provisions in the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. Critically Evaluate the recent amendments to the Act.

OR

- b) Discuss the important provisions in the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities )Act, 1989, in the light of important judgments under the Act.

**Module 4 Time 12.15 -1.00 p.m (35 minutes for writing and 10 minutes for uploading)**

4. a) What are the important legislations and statutory bodies dealing with food adulteration in India? Do you think that the current system as it exists today adequately addresses the issue of food adulteration in India more effectively in contrast with the preceding legislations on the same?

OR

- b) Trace the development of the law on Narcotic Drugs in India. Give an account of the institutional infrastructure within the NDPS Act to deal with the menace of illegal activity in narcotic drugs. Highlighting the important judgments in this Act, give a critical overview of the socio-economic issues associated with this legislation.

**Module 5 Time 1.00 p.m-1.45 p.m (35 minutes for writing and 10 minutes for uploading)**

5. a) Give an account of the role, powers, and functions of the investigating bodies/agencies entrusted with the task of investigating into offences involving corruption and for offences involving violations of the NDPS Act, at the National and State (of Kerala) level.

OR

- b) Give a brief idea of the special rules of evidence applied in socio-economic legislations. Do you think that the nature and extend of punishments prescribed in the present socio-economic legislations in India are adequate? Justify your answer.

