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**B. A. LLB., (Hons.) DEGREE VII SEMESTER EXAMINATION,
DECEMBER 2017**

HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 50

Answer ANY FIVE of the following. Each question carries TEN marks.

(5 x 10 = 50)

- I. Trace the early development of international human rights norms. What are International Bill of Rights? Discuss the scope of the substantive rights guaranteed by the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR).
- II. Explain the salient features of the international human rights instruments for the protection and promotion of the rights of women and children.
- III. Examine the impact of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) on the Constitution of India. Which are the constitutional provisions that facilitate domestic incorporation of international legal norms. What is the position taken by the Indian judiciary with respect to domestic incorporation of international human rights norms by the courts in India?
- IV. Explain the scope of the Individual and Inter-State Communication mechanisms available under the ICCPR. Compare the individual communication mechanism under ICCPR with the one available under the European Convention on Human Rights.
- V. Are regional instruments necessary for the protection and promotion of human rights? Discuss the scope and relevance of the Inter-American and African systems for the protection of human rights.
- VI. Elucidate on the powers and functions of the National Human Rights Commission. Critically evaluate the performance of the National Human Rights Commission as well as the State Human Rights Commissions in India. What reforms do you suggest in the institutional framework relating to protection and promotion of human rights in India?
- VII. Describe the contributions of the Supreme Court of India in the realm of safeguarding and promoting human rights in India.
- VIII. Explain the scope of the legal framework for the prevention, prohibition and redressal of sexual harassment of women at workplaces in India. *Art 16 CEDAW*
