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B.A. LL.B., (Hons) DEGREE FIRST SEMESTER (Supplementary) EXAMINATIONS,  
FEBRUARY 2019

LEGAL METHODS

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 50

Answer ANY FIVE questions. Each question carries TEN marks.

(5x10=50)

- I. In the light of the constitutional scheme explain the scope of the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of India.
- II. Write notes on the following:  
(a) Courts exercising criminal jurisdiction in France;  
(b) Courts exercising civil jurisdiction in England.
- III. Discuss how the Gazette of India can be effectively made use of in legal research?
- IV. Write notes on the following: (a) Case-books; (b) Case Digests;  
(c) Commentaries; (d) Legal Encyclopaedia
- V. Explain how the Supreme Court of India has applied the doctrine of *stare decisis* in India.
- VI. Explain the rules of practice followed by the Supreme Court of India in the matter of reference of cases to larger Benches.
- VII. Write a note on Wambaugh's test for determining *ratio decidendi*. What do you mean by *obiter dicta*? Distinguish it from *ratio decidendi* of a judgment.
- VIII. Which are the various principles that assume relevance when it comes to preparation of legal citations? What are the advantages of using legal citations in legal writing.

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