

HONS.03/19/024

B.A. LL.B., (Hons) DEGREE THIRD 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 original jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of India. Can the Supreme Court of India review its own judgments? Discuss the legal position.
- II. Write notes on the following:
(a) Hierarchy of Criminal Courts in India;
(b) Advisory Jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of India.
- III. Discuss how the law reports can be effectively made use of in legal research??
- IV. Write notes on the following: (a) Treatises; (b) Case Digests;
(c) Commentaries; (d) Legal Encyclopaedia
- V. Explain how the Supreme Court of India has applied the doctrine of prospective overruling in India.
- VI. What is *ratio decidendi* of a judgment? Write a note on Goodhart's test for determining *ratio decidendi*.
- VII. Write a note on the doctrine of *per incuriam*. Distinguish it from the doctrine of *sub silentio*.
- VIII. Elucidate on the significance of legal citations in legal writing. What are legal citation styles? Write a note on atleast two legal citation styles currently used in legal writing.
