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**B.A.LL.B., (Hons.) DEGREE THIRD SEMESTER (Special Supplementary)
EXAMINATIONS, MAY 2018**

LEGAL METHOD

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum marks: 50

Answer ANY FIVE questions. Each question carries TEN marks

(5x 10 = 50)

- I. With the help of appropriate illustrations distinguish between 'text books', 'case books', 'digests' and 'legal encyclopaedia'. Explain the utility of law reports in legal research.
- II. Which are the different sources where one can locate Acts, Rules, Regulations, Statutory Orders and Ordinances in India? How is an Act of Parliament brought into force?
- III. Elucidate on the scope of the original and appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court of India.
- IV. Discuss the scope of the doctrine of 'prospective overruling'.
- V. Explain Wambaugh's Test for determining 'ratio decidendi' of a judgment. Distinguish between 'ration decidendi' and 'obiter dicta'
- VI. Explain the significance of 'legal citations' in legal research. Which are the various 'citation styles / formats' that are commonly used in legal research.
- VII. Distinguish between the doctrines of 'per incuriam and 'sub-silentio'.
- VIII. What do you mean by *stare decisis*? Explain how the doctrine of *stare decisis* has been applied in India.