

SYLLABUS 2024-2025

Class : XII

Subject : LEGAL STUDIES

TERM 1

1. Law of Crimes

Stages and elements of crime; Kinds of crimes, Offences against Human Body and Offences against Property under Indian Penal Code, 1860 (IPC);

(i) *Crime*

(a) *Stages;*

(b) *Meaning and difference of Intention, Motive and Knowledge;*

(c) *Elements - Concept of Mens Rea and Actus Reus.*

(ii) *Five categories of crimes - crimes against a person, crimes against property, inchoate crimes, statutory crimes, and financial crimes (Meaning with examples).*

(iii) *Elements with illustrations and punishments of the following offences under the Indian Penal Code -*

(a) *Offences against Human body – Culpable Homicide & Murder (Sections 299, 300, 302 & 304); Death by rash and negligent act (Section 304A); Dowry death (Section 304B);*

Assault and Criminal Force (Sections 350, 351 & 352), Cruelty by Husband or his relatives (Section 498A IPC).

(b) *Offence against Property – Theft (Section 378 & 379), Extortion (Section 383 & 384), Robbery (Section 390 & 392), Dishonest Misappropriation of Property (Section 403), Criminal Breach of Trust (Section 405 & 406), and Cheating (Section 415 & 417).*

2. Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR)

Judicial and Quasi-Judicial Bodies, Tribunals, Arbitration, Conciliation, Mediation, Lok Adalat

(i) *Difference between Judicial and QuasiJudicial Bodies;*

(ii) *Understanding the concept of Tribunals as Quasi-Judicial Forums [for example National Green Tribunal (NGT), Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT)]*

(iii) *Section 89 CPC as source of ADR system*

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(iv) *Benefits of ADR system, which disputes can be covered.*

(v) *Arbitration-*

(a) *Meaning, Arbitration Agreement, Court Referral of Arbitration (Section 8);*

(b) *Arbitral Award - significance, comparison with a judgement, setting aside of an arbitral award.*

(vi) *Mediation & Conciliation*

(a) *Meaning and scope;*

(b) *Role of the Mediator & Conciliator ; Sanctity of Settlement arrived through Mediation & Conciliation*

(vii) *Difference between Arbitration and Conciliation, Mediation and Conciliation;*

(viii) *Lok Adalat-*

(a) *Meaning*

(b) *Jurisdiction*

(c) *Award of Lok Adalat & its significance*

3. Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 Spirit of Article 39A of the Constitution of India; Objectives; Legal Aid for the deserving sections of society.

(i) *Importance of Article 39A of the Constitution of India;*

(ii) *Legal Services Authority Act, 1987-*

(a) *Objectives;*

(b) *Eligibility for getting free Legal Aid;*

(c) *Legal Services Authorities and Committees at various levels (only hierarchy);*

(d) *Functions of the Central Authority (Section 4).*

(iii) *Role of Educational Institutions and Para Legal Volunteers.*

TERM 2

4. Indian Contract Act, 1872

Contract -Introduction, Essentials of a Valid Contract, Types, Void Agreement

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(i) Introduction to Contracts (Proposal, Promise, Agreement, Contract)

(a) Meaning of Contract- Definition

(b) Types of Contracts- Valid, Void, Voidable, Express & Implied

(ii) Formation of Contract

(iii) Essentials of a Valid Contract

(a) Offer and acceptance

(b) Intention to create legal relationship

(c) Consideration

(d) Capacity to Contract

(e) Free Consent- Sections 13 to 22

(f) Legality of object

(iv) Void Agreement (Section 23 to 30)

(v) Differences between-

(a) Coercion & Undue Influence

(b) Fraud & Misrepresentation

(c) Void & Voidable Contract

(d) Valid Contract & Void Agreement

5. Law of Torts

Nature and definition of Tort, Kinds of Wrong in Tort Law, Vicarious Liability

(i) Tort- Introduction

(a) Definition & Essential Conditions of Tort

(b) Kinds of wrong in tort law - Intentional Tort, Negligence Tort and Strict Liability (Meaning with examples)

(c) Intentional Torts (Meaning with examples)

(1) Trespass to body - Assault & Battery

(2) Trespass to Property

(3) Nuisance

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(4) *Defamation*

(5) *False Imprisonment*

(d) *Tort of Negligence (Meaning & Elements)*

(e) *Strict Liability, Absolute Liability*

(1) *Strict / No Fault Liability - Rule in Rylands v Fletcher with exceptions*

(2) *Rule of Absolute Liability - Rule in M.C Mehta Case*

(3) *Difference between Strict and Absolute Liability*

(ii) *Meaning & Principles of Vicarious Liability*

TERM 3

6. Transfer of Property Act, 1882

Property, Modes of transfer of property, Doctrines

(i) *Types of Property: Movable and Immovable, definition of 'immovable property under S.3 TPA and S.3(26) General Clauses Act 1908'.*

(ii) *Transfer of Property - Meaning (Section 5); What may be transferred (Section 6); Persons competent to transfer (Section 7)*

(iii) *Modes of transfer of property (Sale, Mortgage, Lease, Exchange, Gift, Actionable Claim) - Definition & Illustrations ; Differences between Sale, Mortgage & Lease*

(iv) *Doctrine of Election, Doctrine of Lis Pendens.*

7. Fundamental Rights, Duties and Directive Principles of State Policy

Fundamental Rights, Right to Constitutional Remedies, Restriction on the exercise of Fundamental Rights, Basic structure doctrine; Directive Principles of State Policy; Fundamental Duties

(i) *Fundamental Rights guaranteed by the Constitution.*

(a) *Right to Equality (Articles – 14-18)*

(b) *Right to Individual freedoms (Articles – 19-22) including Restrictions on the*

exercise of the fundamental rights – public order, health and morality under Article 19

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(c) *Right against exploitation (Articles – 23-24)*

(d) *Right to freedom of religion (Articles – 25-28)*

(e) *Right of cultural minorities (Articles – 29-30)*

(f) *Right to Constitutional Remedies - Writs (Article 32)*

2(ii) *Directive Principles of State Policy - Meaning, Justifiability; Differences between Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy.*

(iii) *Fundamental duties – Meaning and all enumerations.*

TERM 4

8. Important Laws

The Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 (with Amendment Act, 2006), Lokpal and Lokayukta Act 2013

(i) *Definition of Human Rights; Difference between Human rights and Fundamental Rights; The Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 – object of enactment, composition (Section 3) & function of NHRC (Section 12)*

(ii) *Ombudsman-Meaning and concept, Scope and limitation of Lokpal and Lokayukta Act 2013, Differences between Lokpal and Lokayukta.*

9. Legal Maxims

Important Legal Maxims.

Meaning of the following:

– *Actus non facit reum nisi mens sit rea*

– *Ad valorem*

– *Amicus Curiae*

– *Audi alterem partem*

– *Assentio Mentium*

– *Bona fide*

– *Bona Vacantia*

– *Caveat Emptor*

– *Corpus Delicto*

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- *Damnum Sine Injuria*
- *De Die in Diem*
- *De Minimis Lex Non Curat*
- *Doli Incapax*
- *Ejusdem Generis*
- *Ex Post Facto*
- *Ignorantia Facti Excusat – Ignorantia Juris*
- Non Excusat*
- *Injuria Sine Damnum*
- *Locus Standi*
- *Nemo Debet Esse Judex in Propria Sua*
- Causa*
- *Nemo debet non quod habit*
- *Noscitur a Sociis*
- *Obiter Dicta*
- *Pari Materia*
- *Per Incuriam*
- *Qui Facit Per Alium, Facit Per Se*
- *Quid pro quo*
- *Ratio Decidendi*
- *Res ipsa loquitur*
- *Res Judicata Accipitur Pro Veritate*
- *Salus Populi Est Suprema Lex*
- *Stare Decisis*
- *Ubi Jus Ibi Remedium*

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