

Time: - 2 ½ Hrs

Marks : 75

Note: -

- 1) Please check whether you have got the right question paper
- 2) Total marks are indicated on the right side of the paper

Q1. Answer in one or two sentences: (Any Six)**(Marks: 12)**

- a) He was absent yesterday_____ (add a Question Tag)
- b) The police caught the thief. (Change the voice)
- c) What is meant by Amicus Curiae?
- d) Explain Beneficial Construction.
- e) Explain the citation:
Bangalore Water-Supply & Sewerage v. R. Rajappa & Others 1978 SCR (3) 207
- f) Explain Law Reports.
- g) Explain the general rule of construction relating to Measurement of distances as per Section 11 of the General Clauses Act, 1897.
- h) Explain Preamble as an aid to interpretation.

Q2. Write Short Notes on Any Two:**(Marks 12)**

- a) Mandatory and Directory provisions
- b) Search of Case Laws on "Whether Contracts induced by misrepresentation are voidable".
- c) Explain the concepts 'Cause of Action' and 'Jurisdiction'
- d) Classification of Statutes

Q3. Answer Any Two of the following:**(Marks 12)**

A) Answer the following questions with reference to the Legislative Extract given below: -

THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS ACT, 1993

(Act No. 10 of 1994)

[8th January, 1994]

An Act to provide for the Constitution of a National Human Rights Commission, State Human Rights Commission in States and Human Rights Courts for better protection of Human Rights and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

BE it enacted by the Parliament in the Forty-Fourth Year of the Republic of India as follows: -

1. Short Title, Extent and Commencement. -

- (1) This Act may be called The Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993.
- (2) It extends to the whole of India, provided that it shall apply to the State of Jammu and Kashmir only in so far as it pertains to the matters relatable to any of the entries enumerated in List I or List III in the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution as applicable to that State.
- (3) It shall be deemed to have come into force on the 28th day of September, 1993.

Identify the following:

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| (i) Short Title | (iii) Date of Commencement |
| (ii) Enacting Formula | (iv) Long Title |

B) Read the following passage and answer the questions given below.

In recent years, online gaming has become one of the most popular forms of entertainment among young people. With the rise of high-speed internet and smartphones, games are now easily accessible anytime and anywhere. Many online games offer interactive features, real-time communication, and competitive environments that make them highly engaging. Some games even include reward systems, virtual currencies and live tournaments, which encourage players to spend long hours in front of screens.

While online gaming can improve certain skills such as problem-solving, teamwork, and hand-eye coordination, excessive gaming can have negative consequences. Many young people struggle to maintain a balance between gaming and their academic, social, and physical activities. Spending too much time on games may lead to poor academic performance, lack of physical exercise, sleep disturbances, and reduced face-to-face interactions with family and friends. In some cases, youth may develop gaming addiction, where they feel restless or irritated when unable to play.

Another concern is exposure to inappropriate content, cyberbullying, and online strangers. Some games allow open chats, which may expose young players to harmful language, scams, or negative peer pressure. Without proper parental guidance and digital awareness, youth may find it difficult to recognize unhealthy gaming habits. Therefore, while online gaming offers entertainment and learning opportunities, it also requires responsible usage, time management, and supervision to ensure a healthy lifestyle.

- i. Give an appropriate title. What are the positive and negative effects of online gaming on youth?
- ii. Why are young people more attracted to online games? What steps can be taken to ensure responsible gaming among youth?

C) A municipal law prohibits bringing "cars, trucks, motorcycles, and other vehicles" into a public park. A person enters the park riding a bicycle and is fined under the law.

- i. Can the term "other vehicles" include bicycles?
- ii. Differentiate between *Ejusdem Generis* and *Noscitur a Sociis*?

D) The State Trade Licensing Act, 2005 required all shopkeepers to obtain a yearly trade license. Section 20 of the Act provided that operating without a license was punishable with a fine and possible imprisonment. In January 2026, Mr. R was prosecuted for operating his shop without a valid license under the 2005 Act. The trial was still pending.

In March 2026, the State Legislature enacted the Trade Regulation Act, 2026, which repealed the 2005 Act. The new Act introduced a simplified registration system and removed imprisonment as a punishment for operating without registration. It did not contain any specific saving clause regarding pending cases.

- i. Can Mr. R claim that since the old Act has been repealed, the pending prosecution against him must be dropped?
- ii. Explain the Effect of repeal under General Clauses Act, 1897.

Q 4) Answer Any Three in detail:**[Marks: 39]**

1. Explain External Aids to statutory interpretation.
2. Explain the maxim *Nemo Tenetur Seipsum Accusare*
3. Discuss the Literal rule, Golden rule, and Mischief rule of statutory interpretation.
4. Write an essay on: "Balancing Development and Environmental Conservation."
5. Discuss the landmark Supreme Court case *M.C. Mehta V. Union of India* – AIR 1987 SC 965
