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**FIVE YEAR B.A./B.B.A./B.COM., LL.B. (HONOURS) DEGREE EXAMINATION
APRIL 2024**

First Semester

FL 2—CONSTITUTIONAL LAW—I

(2023 Admissions—Regular/2018 and 2022 Admissions—Supplementary)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 75 Marks

Part A

Write short notes on any five of the following.

Each question carries 3 marks.

1. Concept of 'State' as defined in Article 12.
2. Doctrine of Severability.
3. Freedom of the press.
4. Doctrine of double jeopardy.
5. Right to privacy.
6. Uniform Civil Code.

(5 × 3 = 15 marks)

Part B

Answer any three of the following problems.

Each question carries 10 marks.

7. A woman belonging to Scheduled Caste category marries a man of General Category. Discuss whether the woman and the children born out of this marriage will get the benefits of reservation in admission, employment and elections.
8. Mr. 'Y', an entrepreneur, wishes to start a business of selling liquor. However, the State Government has imposed a complete ban on the sale of alcohol in the state. Examine whether the Government's restriction violates Mr. Y's right to carry on a trade or business under Article 19 (1) (g).

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9. The Government introduced a mandatory vaccination program to combat a deadly disease outbreak. Some individuals refuse to comply, citing infringement of their personal liberty and religious beliefs. Examine the constitutional balance between public health measures and individual rights under Article 21 and Article 25 of the Constitution of India.
10. A political party in power proposes a constitutional amendment that aims to extend the term of office for members of the legislative assembly from five years to seven years. The amendment is passed by both houses of Parliament and ratified by the requisite number of States. However, opposition parties and civil society groups argue that the amendment undermines the principles of democratic governance. Analyze the constitutional implications of this amendment and discuss the safeguards against arbitrary amendments.

(3 × 10 = 30 marks)

Part C

*Answer any two of the following questions.
Each question carries 15 marks.*

11. What do you understand by 'constitutionalism'? Discuss the role of constitutionalism in fostering democratic governance. Compare a constitutional framework with a constitutionalism-based approach, highlighting how the latter contributes to the maintenance of democratic principles and rule of law. What makes a Constitution different from other laws? Discuss briefly the salient features of the Indian Constitution.
12. Analyze the different dimensions of the 'Right to equality' as enshrined in the Indian Constitution, including equality before law and equal protection of laws. What is the relationship between the concept of equality and social justice in the Indian constitutional framework? Examine the intersectionality of various grounds of discrimination, such as caste, gender, and religion, in the context of the Equality Clause in the Constitution of India.
13. What is 'secularism' in the Indian context? Examine the constitutional provisions guaranteeing religious freedom and secularism in India. What is the relationship between secularism and minority rights in India. What measures have been taken to protect and promote the rights of religious and cultural minorities? What is the scope of cultural and educational rights guaranteed under Article 29 (1) of the Constitution? Examine the relation between Article 29 and Article 30.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)