

Instructions

- I. Write your Roll Number on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.*
- II. Attempt five questions selecting one from each Unit. All questions carry equal marks.*

UNIT-I (12 Marks)

1. Explain the modern sources of Hindu Law. Discuss 'Custom' as a source of law. What are the requisites of a valid Custom?

OR

2. (a) What are the grounds for 'Divorce' under the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955?
 (b) Write a short note on 'Divorce by Mutual Consent'.

Unit-II (12 Marks)

3. (a) What are the conditions of a valid adoption under the Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act, 1956?

(b) Solve the following problems (any three)

- i. 'M', a male Hindu has three wives namely, 'F1', 'F2' and 'F3'. 'M' adopts a son with the consent of 'F1' and 'F3'. But, 'F2' does not give her consent. Is the adoption valid?
- ii. 'M', a male Hindu aged about 35 years wants to adopt a girl child of 15 years. Can 'M' take the child in adoption?
- iii. 'F', a female Hindu wants to adopt 'D', a married girl. Can 'F' adopt 'D'?
- iv. A widow adopts a child and gets married subsequently. What will be the relationship between the child and the father?

- v. 'M', a male Hindu has three wives namely, 'F1', 'F2' and 'F3'. 'M' adopts a son with the consent of all the wives. What is the relationship between the child and the mothers?

Or

- Q4. Who is a guardian? Explain the types of guardians and narrate the duties of a testamentary guardian.

Unit III (12 Marks)

5. Distinguish between Mitakshara and Dayabhaga schools of Hindu Law. What is a coparcenary property?

Or

6. Who can be a Karta? Explain the rights and responsibilities of a karta within the framework of Hindu law, including any legal precedents or customary practices that define this position.

Unit- IV (12 Marks)

7. Explain the general rule of succession in case of property of a male Hindu dying intestate. Give the distribution of property among heirs in class I and Class II of the Schedule as provided under section 10 and 11 of the Hindu Succession Act, 1956.

Or

8. Discuss the general rule of succession in case of the property of a female Hindu dying intestate according to the Hindu Succession Act, 1956. What do you mean by the term 'agnate' and 'cognate'?

Unit-V (12 Marks)

9. Write short notes on the following:

- a) Parsi-Matrimonial Courts
- b) Requisites to validity of Parsi marriages

Or

10. Discuss the procedure relating to solemnization of marriage under the Special Marriage Act, 1954.
