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Competition and Consumer Protection Laws (Ph.D.-C2-B-302)

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks-75

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 (15 marks)

1. How did the legislative history and development of competition law (antitrust law) in India evolve, particularly in relation to the country's economic liberalization and globalization process during the 1990s? Discuss the key milestones and legislative changes in Indian competition law and analyze how these changes were influenced by the broader economic reforms and integration into the global market during that period.

OR

2. Shed light on the key differences between the erstwhile Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices (MRTP) Act of 1969 and the present Competition Act of 2002 in India. How did the transition from the MRTP Act to the Competition Act reflect a shift in regulatory philosophy and economic policy?

Unit-II (15 marks)

3. Critically examine the regulatory framework governing anti-competitive agreements in India under the Competition Act, 2002. How effective has the Competition Commission of India (CCI) been in identifying, investigating, and penalizing anti-competitive agreements? Discuss specific cases and challenges faced by the CCI in enforcing these provisions.

OR

4. Analyse the concept of abuse of dominance within the framework of the Competition Act, 2002. How does the Competition Commission of India (CCI) determine the relevant market and establish dominance?

Unit- III (15 marks)

5. Critically appraise the powers, functions, and jurisdiction of the Competition Commission of India (CCI). How effectively has the CCI utilized its authority to promote fair competition?

OR

6. Discuss the regulatory oversight of mergers, acquisitions, amalgamations, and takeovers under the Competition Act, 2002.

Unit -IV (15 marks)

7. Examine the consumer rights and remedies provided under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019. How does this Act enhance the protection of consumer interests compared to previous legislation?

OR

8. Discuss the objectives and scope of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019. How does this Act aim to strengthen consumer rights and provide effective remedies against unfair trade practices? Evaluate the key provisions of the Act and scrutinize its potential impact on consumer welfare.

Unit-V (15 marks)

9. Critically analyse the phenomenon of online discrimination in the collaborative economy. How do digital platforms facilitate or perpetuate discriminatory practices? Furthermore, examine the legal and ethical challenges in addressing online discrimination, and propose strategies to promote fairness and inclusivity in the collaborative economy?

OR

10. Write notes on the following (Any Two):
 - a) Sustainable Consumerism.
 - b) Dark patterns and Consumer Protection.
 - c) Settlement of Cross Border Consumer Disputes.
