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[SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTARY] DEGREE EXAMINATION, SEPTEMBER 2025**

Ninth Semester

F.L. 32—INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY LAW

(2020 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 75 Marks

Part A

Write short notes on any five of the following.

Each question carries 3 marks.

1. E-governance.
2. Cyber Appellate Tribunal.
3. Powers and functions of Certifying Authority.
4. Shrink wrap and click wrap contracts.
5. Cyber forensics.
6. *Sui generis* right of databases.

(5 × 3 = 15 marks)

Part B

Answer any three of the following problems.

Each question carries 10 marks.

7. Mr. 'X' has his place of business in Ernakulam. He sends an important business communication to Mr. 'Y', whose business office is in Hyderabad. Mr. 'X' sends the communication by way of an e-mail while he was at New Delhi for a business conference and the same was read by Mr. 'Y' at Kashmir where he had gone for a family trip. Identify the place of dispatch and receipt of the business communication in Electronic Form.

Turn over

8. 'A' wants to send Word file to 'B' in London containing the terms of a contract. He has set a password for opening the Word document which is known only to him. He intends to communicate the password later to 'B' so that he can open the file and agree to terms and conditions of the contract. Can such a contract be enforced by the courts in India? If your answer is yes, cite the statutory provisions under which this is permissible. If no, discuss how the contract must be authenticated so that it can be enforced by an Indian Court.
9. Mr. 'A' unauthorizedly accesses the computer of Ms. 'X' and obtains her email password and afterwards fraudulently sends a message to 'B', X's uncle in India, through X's email for transferring a sum of Rs. 2 lakhs in the account number mentioned in the email. Has 'A' committed any crime under the Information Technology Law? Decide referring to judicial decisions.
10. 'X', an educated lady and a divorcee, suddenly started receiving obscene phone calls and e-mails from many persons. 'X' made a complaint to Cyber Crime Cell, Delhi. On investigation, police found that the messages were originated from a cyber cafe in Mumbai of which Mr. 'Y' was the proprietor. 'Y' was monitoring 'X' through e-mail and social networking sites. When the investigating officer enquired 'X' about 'Y', she said that he had been her classmate in B.Tech. and had proposed to marry her which she turned down. The police arrested 'Y'. Discuss under which legal provisions 'Y' can be prosecuted. Refer to judicial decisions.

(3 × 10 = 30 marks)

Part C

Answer any two of the following questions.

Each question carries 15 marks.

11. Explain the concept of 'cyber-crimes', detailing their characteristics and various forms. How cyber-crimes are different from cyber contraventions? Identify the challenges associated with cyber-crime investigations and examine the significance of the Budapest Convention on Cybercrime, 2001.
12. Define Digital Signature. Discuss the provisions relating to Digital Signature and Electronic Governance under the Information Technology Act, 2000. Under what conditions is an electronic signature certificate issued by foreign certifying authority valid in India?
13. Discuss the interface between IPR protection and Cyberspace and examine the scope of protection of computer programmes under provisions of The Copyright Act, 1957 and The Patents Act, 1970. Cite relevant case law also.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)