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**THREE YEAR UNITARY LL.B. DEGREE EXAMINATION
SEPTEMBER 2025**

Fourth Semester

UL 16—LAW OF EVIDENCE

(2023 Admissions— Regular/2019-2022 Admissions—Supplementary, 2018. Admissions—
First Mercy Chance)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 75 Marks

Part A

Write Short notes on any five of the following.

Each question carries 3 marks.

1. Fact in issue and Relevant Fact,
2. Kinds of Evidence,
3. Hearsay Evidence — Meaning and Rationale for Exclusion.
4. Character of Victim in Sexual Offence Cases.
5. Standard of Proof — Civil and Criminal Proceedings.
6. Competency and Compellability of Witnesses.

(5 × 3 = 15 marks)

Part B

Answer any three questions.

Each question carries 10 marks.

7. Ramesh, a 10-year-old boy, witnessed a murder in his neighborhood. During trial, he is called to testify. The defence objects, stating that a minor cannot be a competent witness. Discuss whether Ramesh's testimony is admissible. What test should the court apply before recording his evidence ?

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8. During a trial for theft, the prosecution produces circumstantial evidence showing that Arjun was found near the scene of crime and had no satisfactory explanation for possessing stolen goods. The defence argues that the prosecution failed to establish guilt beyond reasonable doubt. On whom does the burden of proof lie? What standard of proof is required in a criminal case?
9. In a rape case, the defence attempts to question the prosecutrix about her previous sexual relationships to show she consented to the alleged act. The prosecution objects. Is such evidence admissible? What does the Evidence Act and judicial precedent say about the victim's past sexual history? — Mathura ⁴⁸ / 120 / — Mathura case
10. In a forgery case, the prosecution produces a handwriting expert's opinion stating that the accused wrote the forged document. The defence disputes the reliability of expert evidence. How should the court assess expert testimony? Is expert opinion conclusive proof of the fact in issue? ⁴² No - 35-44

(3 × 10 = 30 marks)

Part C

Answer any two questions.

Each question carries 15 marks.

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Hearsay Evidence - 44
11. How does the Indian Evidence Act, 1872 regulate the admissibility of relevant facts, and what are the exceptions under which otherwise relevant facts may be excluded?
12. Discuss the admissibility of character evidence in civil and criminal proceedings under the Indian Evidence Act. — 46-50
13. Critically evaluate the development of the Witness Protection Scheme in India. Discuss its constitutional basis, statutory support, and judicial directions.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)