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Fourth Semester

Branch 2—Criminal law

LW020401—MEDICAL JURISPRUDENCE AND FORENSIC SCIENCE

(2021 Admissions—Regular)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Marks : 70

Answer any five questions.

All questions carries equal marks.

1. State the identification scenario by a doctor in classifying a case as medico legal and non-medico legal and mention the parts in a medico-legal report. Connect the importance Section 39 and Section 53 Clause 1 of Cr. Pc also. Mention the admissibility of expert testimony in the light of two primary admissibility standards : Daubert and Frye, also states the difference between the two.
2. The unique feature of a crime scene is that the accused will leave something and it is the natural effect and to find out the same vest in the shoulders of law enforcement agencies. Elucidate the theory related to the aforesaid statement and also explain the principles of forensic science and also explain the nature of forensic science as a service or science or evidence. Critically evaluate the Forensic ecosystem in this regard.
3. Examine this Statement "medical evidence that was put forth and examined by the prosecution had a corroborative value thus declaring it admissible"- with the help of Santosh Prasad @ Santosh Kumar v. State of Bihar. Analyse when two medical evidences are "contradicting each other and that both are on an equal footing to form an expert opinion, the court will determine which evidence is admissible.
4. A person is able to lie using his imagination and, under the influence of certain barbiturates, this capacity for imagination is blocked or neutralized by leading the person into a semiconscious state. Analyse the importance of this statement and the related test to this in scientific evidence. Examine the Constitutional validity of the same with the help of case laws.

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5. Examine the importance of M. S. Vishwanatha Rao Vs. Rathnabai in accepting handwriting analysis as Scientific evidence. Critically analyze with the help of case laws whether handwriting analysis is a Weak piece of evidence or a stronger one. Compare the same with the evidence of finger print analysis and determine whether it is safe or unsafe to convict on a capital charge without any independent corroboration of the opinion of the fingerprint experts.
6. Examine the motives of an arsonist and state the role of fire and arson investigators. Arson crimes are classified into different degrees based on factors such as the property's value, its occupancy, and the time of the crime. Relate the same with Section 435 of IPC. Also explain the case of Godhra Train Burning.
7. Crime scene management skills are an extremely significant task component of investigation because evidence that originates at the crime scene will provide a picture of events for the court to consider in its deliberations. Explain the process of Note taking, Securing a crime scene, Evidence management, Scaling the investigation to the event, locking down the crime scene, crime scene parameters and crime scene security.
8. Mention the importance of Forensic Toxicology and analyze the four circumstances to be proved in a murder by poison with the help of Sharad BirdhiChand Sarda v. State of Maharashtra and compare the same with the recent judgment in Hariprasad @ Kishan Sahu Vs State of Chhattisgarh.

(5 × 14 = 70)

