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FIVE YEAR INTEGRATED B.A./B.Com./B.B.A. LL.B. (HONOURS) DEGREE EXAMINATION, OCTOBER 2025

Sixth Semester

FLR 17—LAW OF EVIDENCE

(2022 Admissions—Regular/2021 Admissions—Supplementary)

Time : Three Hours Maximum : 75 Marks

Part A

Write short notes on any **five** *of the following.*

Each question carries 3 *marks.*

1. Kinds of Evidence.
2. Constitutional Protections and Adducing Evidence.
3. Confessions - Kinds and Validity.
4. Proof of Execution of Documents.
5. Presumptions in Matrimonial Offences.
6. Leading Questions - Rules and Application.

(5 × 3 = 15 marks)

Part B

Answer any **three** *of the following Problems.*

Each question carries 10 *marks.*

7. In a rape case, the defence seeks to introduce evidence of the victim's past sexual behaviour to argue consent. The prosecution cites statutory bars under Bharatiya Niyama Sanhita, 2023.

   Analyse the admissibility of such evidence and the rationale behind its exclusion.

8. A company receives an electronic contract purportedly signed digitally by the director. The director denies signing it. The prosecution relies on statutory presumptions regarding digital signatures. Discuss how courts apply presumptions relating to electronic signatures and whether they are rebuttable.

9. A man has been missing for over seven years. His family seeks a declaration of death but a creditor argues that he may still be alive. Discuss the presumption as to life and death and how it affects evidentiary burdens.

10. During trial, a prosecution eyewitness turns hostile and denies seeing the accused commit the offence. The prosecution seeks to contradict him using his earlier signed statement. Discuss the procedure and evidentiary value of hostile witness testimony and the contradictions.

(3 × 10 = 30 marks)

Part C

Answer any **two** *of the following Problems.*
Each question carries **15** *marks.*

11. Explain the rule against hearsay evidence. Discuss major exceptions and their application in contemporary evidence law.

12. Critically examine the principles of estoppel, its scope, and its applicability in various legal contexts.

13. Examine the rules relating to competency and compellability of witnesses. Discuss special rules applicable to accomplices, children, spouses, and persons with disabilities.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)