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THREE YEAR UNITARY LL.B. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MAY 2026

Second Semester

UL 8—FAMILY LAW—I

(2025 Admissions—Regular, 2020—2024 Admissions—Supplementary/2019 Admissions—First Mercy Chance, 2018 Admissions—Second Mercy Chance)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Marks : 75

Part A

Answer any five questions.

Each question carries 3 marks.

1. Define personal law and explain its significance in the Indian legal system.
2. Explain the concept of family in Indian society.
3. Differentiate between void and voidable marriages under the Hindu Marriage Act.
4. What are the essentials of a valid Muslim marriage (Nikah) ?
5. What are the legal rights of an illegitimate child under Hindu law ?
6. Discuss the essential conditions for a valid adoption under the Hindu Adoption and Maintenance Act ?
7. Explain the relevant provisions of the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act, 2007.

(5 × 3 = 15 marks)

Part B

Answer any three questions.

Each question carries 10 marks.

8. A married Hindu woman is neglected by her husband, who lives separately without reasonable cause. She has no independent income. Can she claim maintenance ? If so, under which provision of the Hindu Adoption and Maintenance Act, 1956 and what are the conditions for entitlement ?

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9. After adopting a boy legally, Ram continues to claim inheritance rights over the boy's biological father's property. The biological father challenges this claim. Examine the legal effect of adoption on the adopted child's relationship with his natural family.
10. A couple solemnized marriage under the Special Marriage Act, 1954, but the marriage was later annulled by a decree of nullity. Can the children born from such a marriage claim legitimacy and inheritance rights? Refer to the relevant statutory provision.
11. A Christian wife alleges cruelty and adultery by her husband and seeks divorce. Identify the available matrimonial remedies under the Indian Divorce Act, 1869, and whether both parties have equal rights in seeking dissolution.

(3 × 10 = 30 marks)

Part C

Answer any two questions.

Each question carries 15 marks.

12. Critically examine the Uniform Civil Code debate in India in light of constitutional provisions and judicial interpretations.
13. Discuss the essentials and formalities of a valid Hindu marriage, with reference to statutory provisions and case law.
14. Examine the scope of right to maintenance under the Cr. PC. Also explain the criteria for fixation, alteration, and enforcement of maintenance orders under the Cr. PC.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)