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**FIVE YEAR B.A., LL.B./B.B.A., LL.B./B.Com., LL.B. (HONS.) DEGREE
EXAMINATION, OCTOBER 2024**

Eighth Semester

FL 27—WOMEN AND CRIMINAL LAW

(2020 Admissions—Regular/2018 and 2019 Admissions—Supplementary)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 75 Marks

Part A

Write short notes any five of the following.

Each short note carries 3 marks.

1. Distinction between 'sex' and 'gender'.
2. Women and Sustainable Development Goals.
3. Sexual harassment of women at workplace.
4. Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961.
5. Role of Protection Officers under PWDV Act.
6. National Commission for Women.

(5 × 3 = 15 marks)

Part B

Answer any three of the following problems.

Each question carries 10 marks.

7. A Muslim woman was divorced in 2023 by her husband by Triple Talaq. Her husband refused to maintain her thereafter. Advise her as to the remedies available.
8. Mrs. and Mr. 'X' have two daughters aged six and three respectively. Hoping to conceive a son, they sought pre-natal sex determination at a clinic offering such services. However, legal action was initiated against the couple for attempting to identify the sex of the foetus. Aggrieved by this, the couple approached the High Court for challenging the validity of the Act and to quash the proceedings against them. Decide.

Turn over

9. A transgender woman was unlawfully photographed in a shopping mall's trial room by a man who later made derogatory remarks about her identity. He argues that he hasn't committed any offence because she is not a "woman" in his view. How would the IPC provisions offer legal recourse for the victim in this situation? Explain.
10. A father has four children; three sons and one daughter, who is the eldest of all. Owing to financial instability, father discontinued the studies of the daughter. However, he encouraged his three sons to attend school and pursue a degree in future. He also arranged finance on credit to facilitate good education for his sons. Aggrieved by the discrimination, the daughter approaches the Protection Officer alleging emotional abuse at home. Discuss how far the provisions of the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005 would come to the rescue of the claims of daughter. Advise her.

(3 × 10 = 30 marks)

Part C

Answer any two of the following questions.

Each question carries 15 marks.

11. Make a critical assessment of the social and legal status of women across different historical periods, commencing from the Vedic era through to the post-independence period in India.
12. Discuss, in detail, the law relating to 'obscenity' and 'indecent representation of women' in India.
13. Examine the various rights of women guaranteed in International Instruments and their reflection in the Indian Legal System.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)