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THREE YEAR UNITARY LL.B. DEGREE EXAMINATION
SEPTEMBER 2026

Fourth Semester

ULR 16—LAW OF EVIDENCE

(2024 Admissions—Regular, 2023 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. Res Gestae and its Scope.
2. Exclusion of Hearsay and Its Exceptions.
3. Confession to Police and Recovery under Concealment.
4. Rule Against Hearsay Evidence.
5. Presumptions of Law, Fact and Conclusive Proof.
6. Privileged Communications - Scope and Exceptions.

(5 × 3 = 15 marks)

Part B

Answer any **three** *of the following problems.*
Each question carries 10 *marks.*

7. The accused, while in police custody, states that he "hid the murder weapon under a bridge." Based on this information, the police recover a blood-stained knife. Analyse the admissibility of (i) the confession ; and (ii) the recovery, with reference to the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023 and BNSA 2023.

8. A disputed will contains a signature allegedly forged. The court appoints a handwriting expert. The opposite party challenges the expert's credibility and methodological basis. Analyse the evidentiary value of handwriting expert opinion and the factors courts consider in evaluating it.

9. A married woman dies under unnatural circumstances within five years of marriage. Evidence shows harassment for dowry. The husband argues lack of direct evidence. Discuss the applicability of statutory presumptions relating to dowry death and the extent to which the burden shifts.

10. In a murder case, the prosecution wants to examine the accused's 8-year-old daughter as a witness. The defence objects on the ground that she is too young to understand the duty to speak the truth. Discuss whether she is competent and compellable as a witness.

(3 × 10 = 30 marks)

Part C

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

11. Explain the principles relating to character evidence in civil and criminal cases. Discuss exceptions and limitations, with specific reference to cases involving sexual offences and the statutory provisions in BNS 2023.

12. Analyse statutory presumptions relating to matrimonial offences such as dowry death and abetment of suicide of a married woman. Explain the rationale and judicial approach.

13. Elaborate on the concept of witness protection in India. Discuss the Witness Protection Scheme, statutory backing and judicial implementation.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)