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**FIVE YEAR B.A./B.B.A./B.Com., LL.B. (HONOURS) DEGREE
EXAMINATION, APRIL 2024**

Fourth Semester

FL 8—FAMILY LAW—I

(2021 Admissions—Regular/2018 to 2020 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. Valid, void and voidable marriages under the Hindu Law.
2. 'Cruelty' as a ground of divorce.
3. Importance of 'Mahr' in Muslim marriage.
4. Repudiation of marriage by option of puberty.
5. Acknowledgement of paternity.
6. Essentials of valid adoption under Hindu Law.

(5 × 3 = 15 marks)

Part B

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

7. 'X', a Muslim man married 'Y', a Muslim woman under Muslim Law in India. After a few years of marriage, 'X' decided to divorce 'Y' without her consent. 'Y' claims that this unilateral divorce violates her rights. Explain the concept of unilateral divorce in Muslim law and discuss Y's legal options.
8. 'A' and 'B', belonging to different religious communities, intend to marry under the Special Marriage Act. Advise them as to the special features and legal requirements for a marriage under the Special Marriage Act.
9. 'W', a Hindu wife, refuses to live with her husband as long as he stayed with his aged parents. She approaches the court against her husband seeking separate residence and maintenance. Will she succeed? Decide giving reasons.
10. Mr. 'P', a Christian, and his wife are going through a divorce. What factors will be considered by the court in determining the custody of their minor child under Christian law? Mrs. 'P' wants to know if she can seek joint custody of her child after divorce, in case, she is not getting custody. Advise her.

(3 × 10 = 30 marks)

Turn over

Part C

Answer any two of the following questions.

Each question carries 15 marks.

11. Explain in detail the sources of Muslim law. What are the major schools of thought within the Muslim legal framework ? How do the Hanafi, Maliki, Shafi'i, and Hanbali schools differ in their approach to issues like marriage and divorce ? Discuss the impact of customary practices and local traditions on Muslim Family Law in India.
12. Explain the essential conditions of a valid Christian marriage. Who are authorized to solemnize Christian Marriage ? Examine whether Christian marriage is 'sacramental' or 'contractual'. What are the circumstances under which a marriage may be void or voidable under Christian Law ? What is the legal consequence of refusal to consummate marriage ?
13. What do you understand by 'maintenance' ? Compare and contrast the maintenance provisions for Hindu, Muslim and Christian communities in India. Discuss the similarities, differences, and potential challenges associated with implementing uniform maintenance laws for all communities.

(2 × 15 = 30 marks)