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**Presidency University**

**Bengaluru**

**SCHOOL OF LAW**

**Summer Term, August 2024 - END TERM EXAMINATION**

**Summer Term** :2024

**Course Code**: LAW126

**Course Name**: LAW OF CRIMES I

**Program & Sem**:

**Date**:

**Time**:

**Max Marks**:100

**Weightage**:50%

**Instructions:**

1. *Read the all questions carefully and answer accordingly.*
2. *Do not write any matter on the question paper other than roll number.*
3. *Any tables/Chart/Graph or data books required, pl. mention here.*

**Part A**

**Answer any 4 questions. Each question carries 10 marks. (4Qx 10M= 40M)**

1. What is meant by 'malice' in criminal law?
2. Explain the defense of mistake of fact as per Sections 76-79 of the Indian Penal Code.
3. Define 'abetment' according to the Indian Penal Code.
4. Distinguish between hurt and grievous hurt.
5. What constitutes the offense of public nuisance?
6. Describe the essential elements of theft.

**Part B**

**Answer any 4 Questions. Each question carries 10 marks****. (4Qx 10M= 40M)**

1. Rani, a 14-year-old girl, was convinced by her 18-year-old boyfriend to help him steal money from her parents' safe. Analyze the criminal liability of both Rani and her boyfriend, considering Rani's age.
2. Dr. S performed an emergency surgery on an unconscious accident victim, saving his life but leaving him with a disability. The patient later sued Dr. S for operating without consent. Evaluate Dr. S actions in light of the provisions related to consent in the Indian Penal Code.
3. Arjun, a political activist, gave a speech criticizing government policies and calling for peaceful protests. The government charged him with sedition. Discuss the validity of this charge and the limits of free speech in India.
4. Meera accidentally sent a confidential company email to a competitor, potentially causing significant financial loss to her employer. Examine whether Meera's actions could be considered criminal and under what charges.
5. Suresh, a bus driver, was speeding to make up for lost time. He hit a pedestrian, causing severe injuries. Analyze Suresh's criminal liability, considering the concepts of recklessness and negligence.
6. Richard, a 16-year-old boy, was playing cricket with his friends. He hit the ball hard, which accidentally broke a neighbor's window and injured the person inside. Discuss Richard’s potential criminal liability considering his age and the circumstances.

**Part C**

**Answer any 2 Questions. Each question carries 10 marks. (2Qx10M=20M)**

1. Critically analyze the concept of criminal conspiracy as defined in Sections 120A and 120B of the Indian Penal Code. How does it differ from abetment?
2. Examine the legal provisions related to cruelty by husband and relatives of husband. How effective are these laws in addressing domestic violence?
3. Compare and contrast the offenses of robbery, extortion, and dacoity. Use case examples to illustrate the key differences between these crimes.