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School of Law

Mid - Term Examinations - November 2024

Semester: VII

Date: 07/11/2024

Course Code: LAW4010

Time: 02:00pm – 03:30pm

Course Name: RTI

Max Marks: 50

Program: BALLB/BBALLB/BCOMLLB (HONS.)

Weightage: 25%

Instructions:

(i) Read all questions carefully and answer accordingly.

(ii) Do not write anything on the question paper other than roll number.

Part A

Answer ALL the Questions. Each question carries 2 marks.

5Qx2M=10M

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| 1. | Discuss the key purpose of the Right to Information Act, 2005? | 2 Marks | Knowledge | CO1 |
| 2. | Examine the main criticisms regarding the recent amendments made to the RTI Act? | 2 Marks | Comprehension | CO2 |
| 3. | Evaluate the conditions under which an Information Commissioner can be dismissed from office? | 2 Marks | Comprehension | CO2 |
| 4. | Identify two categories of information that are not required to be disclosed under the RTI Act. | 2 Marks | Comprehension | CO2 |
| 5. | Briefly discuss the process of Appeal under the RTI Act. | 2 Marks | Comprehension | CO3 |

Part B

Answer ALL Questions. Each question carries 10 marks.

4QX10M=40M

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| 6. | 6a | Analyze the procedure for appointing the State Chief Information Commissioner and State Information Commissioners under Section 15 of the RTI Act. What challenges are typically faced during the appointment process at the state level? | 5 Marks | Comprehension | CO3 |
| | 6b | Evaluate the safeguards provided under Section 17 of the RTI Act to prevent arbitrary removal of State Information Commissioners. How do these protections affect the functioning of the State Information Commission? | 5 Marks | Comprehension | CO3 |

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| 7. | 7a | Evaluate the role of the Supreme Court in shaping the evolution and development of the Right to Information in India. What key rulings have influenced its trajectory? | 5 Marks | Comprehension | CO3 |
| | 7b | Outline the process for citizens to appeal a rejection of their RTI application. What legal provisions exist to ensure fairness in this appeal process? | 5 Marks | Comprehension | CO3 |
| 8. | 8a | Examine the role and responsibilities of the Central Information Commission in enforcing the provisions of the RTI Act. How effective has the Commission been in its mandate? | 5 Marks | Knowledge | CO1 |
| | 8b | Critically assess the objectives outlined in the Preamble of the RTI Act. How do these aims align with the broader goals of transparency and accountability in governance? | 5 Marks | Knowledge | CO1 |
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| 9. | 9a | Discuss the role of civil society and NGOs in raising public awareness and advocating for the Right to Information. What strategies have been effective? | 5 Marks | Knowledge | CO1 |
| | 9b | Evaluate the impact of the RTI Act on the dynamic between the government and its citizens. | 5 Marks | Knowledge | CO1 |
| 10. | 10a | Summarize the procedural steps required to file an RTI request under Section 6 of the Act. How does this process ensure transparency in information-seeking? | 5 Marks | Comprehension | CO2 |
| | 10b | Identify and explain the key exemptions provided under Section 8 of the RTI Act, 2005. Use relevant examples to illustrate how these exemptions are applied. | 5 Marks | Comprehension | CO2 |
| OR | | | | | |
| 11. | 11a | Explain how the Right to Information Act promotes improvements in government services and public service delivery. Provide examples where RTI has had a positive impact. | 5 Marks | Comprehension | CO2 |
| | 11b | Examine the obligations placed on public authorities under Section 4 of the RTI Act, 2005. How does compliance with these obligations enhance transparency? | 5 Marks | Comprehension | CO2 |
| 12. | 12a | Critically evaluate the recent amendments to the RTI Act, 2005. How do these changes affect the independence and functioning of Information Commissions? What criticisms have emerged in response to these amendments? | 5 Marks | Comprehension | CO3 |

12b Discuss the significance of movement led by Aruna Roy in the enactment of the RTI Act, 2005. 5 Marks Comprehension CO3

OR

13. 13a Discuss how technology has contributed to increasing the accessibility and efficiency of RTI applications. What challenges still exist in leveraging technology for the RTI framework? 5 Marks Comprehension CO3

13b Assess the importance of the RTI Act in fostering transparency and accountability within governance structures. How has it impacted the relationship between citizens and the government? 5 Marks Comprehension CO3