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PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY

BENGALURU

End - Term Examinations – MAY 2025

Date: 29-05-2025

Time: 09:30am – 12:30pm

School: SOL	Program: BA/BBA./B.Com LL.B.(Hons.)	
Course Code : LAW3013	Course Name: Right to Information & Practices	
Semester: VI	Max Marks: 100	Weightage: 50%

CO - Levels	C01	C02	C03	C04	C05	
Marks	15	20	20	20	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 2marks.

10Q x2M=20M

1.	What was the primary focus of the grassroots movements that played a key role in the evolution of the RTI in India?	2 Marks	L1	C01
2.	Name any two countries, other than India, where the Right to Information Act is prevalent and how those laws differs from RTI Act,2005 .	2 Marks	L1	C01
3.	Define the term "public authority" as per the RTI Act, 2005.	2 Marks	L2	C02
4.	Under which section of the RTI Act, 2005, is the definition of "information" provided?	2 Marks	L1	C02
5.	Mention briefly the functions of the Central Information Commission.	2 Marks	L2	C03
6.	Identify a major cause for pendency of cases before Information Commissions.	2 Marks	L2	C05
7.	Highlight one conflict area between RTI and the Official Secrets Act, 1923.	2 Marks	L3	C04
8.	Mention one instance where RTI intersects with privacy concerns post-Puttaswamy case.	2 Marks	L2	C05
9.	Identify one key feature of the Prevention of Corruption Act that intersects with RTI objectives.	2 Marks	L1	C04
10.	Mention one complementary role played by Lokayukta in curbing corruption along with RTI.	2 Marks	L2	C04

Part B

Answer the Questions.

Total Marks 80M

11.		Evaluate the evolution of RTI legislation globally with special reference to Sweden ,USA & India.	10Marks	L3	C01
Or					
12.		Regarding the significance that Article 19(1)(a) plays in facilitating transparent governance processes in India, please discuss it.	10 Marks	L4	C01
13.		Analyze the scope and significance of the RTI Act amendments and their effect on transparency.	10 Marks	L3	C03
Or					
14.		Examine the obligations placed on public authorities to maintain transparency and proactive disclosures.	10 Marks	L4	C03
15.		"A citizen encounters difficulties in filing an RTI request through an e-governance portal due to technical glitches and lack of digital literacy. Discuss the legal and policy measures that can be taken to ensure that e-governance systems promote, rather than impede, access to information."	10 Marks	L5	C05
Or					
16.	a.	"A company involved in a public procurement process objects to the disclosure of certain contract details under RTI, claiming they constitute trade secrets. Advise the public authority on how to determine whether the information qualifies as a trade secret and how to balance the company's interests with the public's right to know."	10 Marks	L4	C05
17.	a.	"Analyze the effectiveness of the Lokpal in addressing high-level corruption in India, considering its powers, limitations, and relationship with other anti-corruption mechanisms."	8 Marks	L4	C04
	b.	"Compare and contrast the jurisdiction and powers of the Lokpal and Lokayukta, highlighting the key differences and similarities in their roles in addressing corruption."	7 MARKS	L3	C04
Or					
18.	a.	"Critically analyze the inherent synergies and potential conflicts in the practical application of the Right to Information Act, 2005, and the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, particularly in relation to the disclosure of sensitive information during corruption investigations."	8 Marks	L5	C04
	b.	"Identify and elaborate on three key provisions within the Right to Information Act, 2005, that directly facilitate the objectives of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, in combating malfeasance in public administration."	7 MARKS	L4	C04
19.	a.	"A community seeks information under the RTI Act, 2005, about the environmental impact assessment of a proposed industrial project that may violate their right to a healthy environment. Discuss how RTI can be used to ensure environmental justice in this scenario."	8 Marks	L5	C04

	b.	"A Public Information Officer receives an RTI request seeking personal information of a government employee. Advise the PIO on how to handle this request in light of the <i>Puttaswamy</i> judgment, considering the principles of proportionality, necessity, and public interest."	7 MARKS	L3	C04
Or					
20.	a.	Examine the transformative impact of landmark judgments such as Raj Narain and Association for Democratic Reforms.	10 Marks	L4	C02
	b.	Highlight one constitutional basis for the Right to Information under Indian law.	5 Marks	L2	C02

21.	a.	Critically examine the emerging issues and future challenges in the implementation of the RTI Act in India, such as vacancies in Information Commissions, delays in response, and misuse of RTI."	15 Marks	L4	C03
	b.	Briefly explain the purpose of the Public Records Act, 1993.	5 Marks	L2	C03
Or					
22.	a.	"A public authority denies information citing that it relates to intellectual property rights. Discuss the validity of this denial with reference to relevant case laws and legal principles."	10 Marks	L5	C04
	b.	"Evaluate the impact of RTI on digital governance in India. Discuss the benefits and challenges of using e-governance and digitization of records for RTI implementation."	10 Marks	L5	C04