



PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY

BENGALURU

Mid - Term Examinations – October 2025

Date: 09-10-2025

Time: 09.30am to 11.00am

School: SOL	Program: B.A.LL.B / BB.A.LL.B Hons	
Course Code: LAW1009	Course Name: LEGAL LANGUAGE AND LEGAL WRITING	
Semester: I	Max Marks: 50	Weightage: 25%

CO - Levels	CO1	CO2	CO3	CO4	CO5
Marks	26	24	-	-	-

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.

5Q x 2M=10M

1	Why is clarity paramount in legal writing? State one 'hint for effective legal writing' that ensures clarity.	2 Marks	L1	CO1
2	The maxim "Nemo debet bis vexari pro una et eadem causa" protects a fundamental right. Identify the right and explain the maxim.	2 Marks	L1	CO2
3	What is the 'scope of legal language'? Provide two contexts where it is used.	2 Marks	L1	CO1
4	Translate the Latin phrase "Habeas Corpus" and explain its legal significance.	2 Marks	L1	CO2
5	State the problem of legal language in drafting that arises from using archaic words like "hereinbefore" and "aforesaid".	2 Marks	L1	CO2

Part B

Answer the Questions.

Total Marks 40M

6.	"The history of Legal English is a history of power, conquest, and administration." Elaborate on this statement, tracing the key historical influences that have shaped the language of the law in	10 Marks	L2	CO1
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	England and India.			
Or				
7.	<p>a) Discuss the problems associated with legal language, focusing on its complexity, verbosity, and use of archaic terms.</p> <p>b) Suggest reforms to make legal language more accessible to the common public.</p>	6+4 Marks	L2	CO 1
8.	Analyze the significance of the case of <i>Anuradha Bhasin v. Union of India</i> in the context of how the language of a law (e.g., Section 144 CrPC) can be interpreted and its impact on fundamental rights.	10 Marks	L2	CO 1
Or				
9.	"Language is the vehicle of legal thought." Explain how the structure and precision of legal language are crucial for legal reasoning and the construction of logical arguments in court.	10 Marks	L2	CO 1
10.	<p>(i) During a cricket match, a spectator was hit by a ball and suffered injuries. He sued the organizers for negligence. Apply the maxim "Volenti non fit injuria" to decide whether he can succeed in his claim under Tort Law.</p> <p>(iii) A government authority cancelled the licence of a company without giving it an opportunity to present its case. Apply the maxim "Audi alteram partem" to examine whether the authority's action is valid under principles of Constitutional/Administrative Law.</p>	5+5 Marks	L2	CO 2
Or				
11.	You are a law tutor. Create a script for a 3-minute "Video Explainer" on the maxim "Stare Decisis," breaking down its meaning, importance in common law systems, and a simple example.	10 Marks	L2	CO 2
12.	<p>a. Differentiate between the terms 'Murder' and 'Culpable Homicide' using relevant legal terminology and maxims.</p> <p>b. How does the precision of this distinction affect criminal liability?</p>	5+5 Marks	L2	CO 2
Or				
13.	You are representing a landlord whose tenant has defaulted in payment of monthly rent for the past four months despite repeated reminders. Draft a formal legal notice to the tenant demanding immediate payment of arrears, using precise legal terminology and an appropriate professional format.	10 Marks	L2	CO 2