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PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY

BENGALURU

Mid - Term Examinations – October 2025

Date: 11-10-2025

Time: 11.45am to 01.15pm

School: SOL	Program: BALLB/BCOMLLB/BALLB (Hons)	
Course Code: LAW4015	Course Name: Citizenship and Immigration Law	
Semester: IX	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	Define the concept of citizenship and distinguish it from nationality with one relevant example.	2 Marks	L1	CO1
2	Summarize the key features of Article 5 of the Indian Constitution, highlighting who was recognized as a citizen at the commencement of the Constitution.	2 Marks	L1	CO1
3	Explain how the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948) contributed to the recognition of the Right to Nationality at the global level. Mention at least two provisions.	2 Marks	L2	CO2
4	Briefly explain the concept of “domicile of origin” and contrast it with “domicile of choice.”	2 Marks	L2	CO1
5	List and briefly explain any two grounds of deprivation of Indian citizenship under the Citizenship Act, 1955.	2 Marks	L2	CO2

Part B

Answer the Questions.

Total Marks 40M

6.	Discuss the Social Contract Theory of Citizenship. How does it help us understand the relationship between the citizen and the State in modern democracies?	10 Marks	L2	CO 2
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Or

7.	Examine the Constituent Assembly debates on citizenship (1946–49) with reference to the controversy around the cut-off date for citizenship eligibility (19 July 1948). How do these debates continue to influence Indian citizenship law?	10 Marks	L4	CO 2
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8.	Analyse the causes of statelessness in international law. What are the legal and humanitarian consequences of statelessness in India, especially with reference to refugees and internally displaced persons?	10 Marks	L5	CO 1
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Or

9.	Assess the effectiveness of Articles 5–11 of the Indian Constitution in addressing citizenship by birth, descent, and migration, with reference to their historical context, scope, and limitations. Analyse how judicial interpretations and constitutional debates have shaped the understanding of these provisions in resolving issues of identity and belonging.	10 Marks	L4	CO 1
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10.	Explain the different modes of acquisition of Indian citizenship under the Citizenship Act, 1955. Provide suitable examples to illustrate each mode.	10 Marks	L5	CO 1
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Or

11.	Critically examine the Citizenship (Amendment) Acts, 1986 and 2003 with reference to their impact on Indian nationality law, particularly in relation to citizenship by birth and migration. Evaluate how these amendments reshaped the original framework under the Citizenship Act, 1955 and analyse their implications in the broader context of constitutional principles and identity politics.	10 Marks	L	CO 1
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12.	Mr. X, an Indian citizen, has his passport impounded by the government under the Passport Act, 1967, on the ground that his	10 Marks	L3	CO
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	<p>activities are “prejudicial to the sovereignty and integrity of India.”</p> <p>He argues that this action violates his fundamental right to travel abroad.</p> <p>As a lawyer, analyse the legal provisions under the Passport Act, 1967, relevant constitutional rights, and judicial precedents to determine whether the government’s action is valid.</p>			2
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Or

13.	<p>Mr. A was born in India on <i>4th December, 2004</i> to an Indian father (Mr B) and a German mother (Ms X). At the time of child birth, Ms. X was on a visit visa to India, her visa expired on <i>3rd January, 2002</i> and continued to reside in India in absence of visa approvals.</p> <p>Determine whether Mr. A is eligible for citizenship. Support your reasoning with legal provisions.</p>	10 Marks	L3	CO 2
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