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PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY

BENGALURU

Mid - Term Examinations – October 2025

Date: 09-10-2025

Time: 11.45am to 01.15pm

School: SOL	Program: BA/BBA/B.Com LLB	
Course Code: LAW4077	Course Name: Bio Diversity Protection	
Semester: VII	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	Discuss the role of Nagoya Protocol in terms of ABS.	2 Marks	L1	CO1
2	Discuss two major effects of climate change on biodiversity.	2 Marks	L1	CO1
3	Discuss the two key principles of biodiversity conservation?	2 Marks	L1	CO1
4	Differentiate between <i>In-situ</i> and <i>Ex-situ</i> conservation methods.	2 Marks	L2	CO2
5	Define a biodiversity hotspot? Name any two such areas in India.	2 Marks	L2	CO2

Part B

Answer the Questions.

Total Marks 40M

6.	Analyze the ecological importance of biodiversity hotspots and the threats they face.	10 Marks	L1	CO1
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Or

7.	The Government of India has noticed a sharp decline in biodiversity in the Western Ghats due to deforestation, habitat fragmentation, overexploitation of resources, and climate change. As a policy advisor to the Ministry of Environment, you are asked to propose suitable	10 Marks	L1	CO1
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	conservation strategies to tackle this crisis.			
8.	Critically examine and compare the methods of biodiversity conservation through <i>in-situ</i> (within natural habitats) and <i>ex-situ</i> (outside natural habitats) approaches.	10 Marks	L2	CO 2
Or				
9.	With growing global interest in genetic resources and biodiversity for pharmaceutical, agricultural, and industrial research, there arises a tension between access and benefit-sharing. Drawing upon the principles of the <i>Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)</i> and the <i>Nagoya Protocol</i> , propose a comprehensive legal and ethical framework to regulate access to biodiversity in India.	10 Marks	L2	CO 2
10.	Examine the role of bioethics in shaping policies related to biodiversity conservation and sustainable use.	10 Marks	L1	CO 1
Or				
11.	Discuss in detail the climatic factors responsible for fostering rich biodiversity in regions such as tropical rainforests, wetlands, and coastal ecosystems.	10 Marks	L1	CO 1
12.	<p><i>Oceanic Shipping Ltd.</i> partnered with an environmental NGO to utilize its CSR budget for mangrove restoration along India's coastline. However, a year later, local fishermen complained that the mangroves were not restored and marine biodiversity continued to decline. On inquiry, it was found that the NGO mismanaged the funds.</p> <p>Analyse the liability of <i>Oceanic Shipping Ltd.</i> for non-implementation of its CSR objectives. Can the company shift responsibility to the NGO, or does it remain accountable under law?</p>	5+5 Marks	L2	CO 2
Or				
13.	<p><i>Sunrise Infrastructure Ltd.</i>, a construction company, is developing a township project adjacent to a protected wetland. As part of its CSR expenditure, it proposes to create urban parks and sports complexes for residents, while ignoring expert recommendations to fund wetland conservation and species protection.</p> <p>Analyse whether such CSR projects satisfy the statutory requirements under Schedule VII of the Companies Act, 2013. How should companies balance development needs with biodiversity conservation under CSR obligations?</p>	5+5 Marks	L2	CO 2