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PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY

BENGALURU

End - Term Examinations – December 2025

Date: 15-12-2025 **Time:** 09.30am to 12.30pm

School: SOL	**Program:** B.A.LL.B/ BB.A.LLB	
Course Code : LAW1009	**Course Name**: Legal Language and Legal Writing	
Semester: I	**Max Marks**: 100	**Weightage**: 50%

CO - Levels	**CO1**	**CO2**	**CO3**	**CO4**	**CO5**
Marks	**10**	**20**	**10**	**5**	**5**

(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 x 2M=

1.	Define "legal language" with an example of its distinct feature from ordinary language.	**2 Marks**	**L2**	**CO1**
2.	Write the meaning of "natural justice" in one sentence	**2 Marks**	**L2**	**CO1**
3.	Why is precision in language crucial in drafting a legal document?	**2 Marks**	**L2**	**CO1**
4.	Provide the legal definition of "confession" with reference to criminal proceedings, drawing on the K.M. Nanavati case.	**2 Marks**	**L2**	**CO2**
5.	What is "constitutional morality" as highlighted in Navtej Singh Johar v. Union of India?	**2 Marks**	**L2**	**CO2**
6.	Name and explain any one problem of ambiguity in legal drafting.	**2 Marks**	**L2**	**CO2**
7.	State any one difference between legal writing and general academic writing.	**2 Marks**	**L2**	**CO2**
8.	List one constitutional provision relating to language and its importance.	**2 Marks**	**L2**	**CO3**

9.	What was the primary issue in Bhim Singh v. State of Jammu & Kashmir?	**2 Marks**	**L2**	**CO**
10.	Mention one use of legal correspondence in the litigation process	**2 Marks**	**L2**	**CO3**

Part B

Answer the Questions. **Total Marks 80M**

11.	**a.**	Draft a legal notice to a university registrar on behalf of a student, challenging the imposition of fines for non-compliance with a circular that contains ambiguous legal language.	**10 Marks**	**L3**	**CO3**
		Or			
12.	**a.**	Prepare a brief legal memorandum advising a client on how the decriminalization under Section 377 after Navtej Singh Johar impacts his workplace discrimination claim**.**	**10 Marks**	**L3**	**CO3**

13.	**a.**	Write a summary of the Supreme Court's reasoning and use of legal language in the K.M. Nanavati case, focusing on the role of confession and its admissibility.	**10 Marks**	**L3**	**CO3**
		Or			
14.	**a.**	The power of law lies not just in its content but in its language." Critically evaluate this statement in the context of statutory interpretation.	**10 Marks**	**L3**	**CO**

15.	**a.**	Draft a succinct judgment as a High Court judge in a writ petition where a school circular limiting students' speech is challenged, ensuring clarity in legal language and application of Article 19(1)	**10 Marks**	**L3**	**CO3**
		Or			
16.	**a.**	The Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 establishes the legal framework for valid Hindu marriages in India, requiring conditions such as monogamy, minimum marriageable age (21 for men, 18 for women), mental soundness, and absence of prohibited relationships. It codifies traditional customs while introducing statutory remedies for void and voidable marriages as well as grounds for divorce, judicial separation, and restitution of conjugal rights. The Act aims to protect individual and spousal rights, prohibit polygamy and child marriage, and ensure fairness and equality for men and women in marital relationships Using your understanding of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, compose an analytical note 150 words that summarizes its key features and legal objective**s**	**10 Marks**	**L4**	**CO3**

17.	**a.**	You are a junior associate at "LexCom Partners." A new client, "StartUp Innovate Pvt. Ltd.," has come to you with a software development agreement drafted by the other party. The clause on delivery states: "The developer will make a good effort to deliver the software on time." Write a detailed memo to your senior partner explaining: (i) Why the phrase "good effort" is legally precarious and lacks the certainty required for enforcement. (ii) How you would redraft this clause using precise legal language to protect your client's interests.	**15 Marks**	**L4**	**CO4**
		Or			
18.	**a.**	You are a legal aid lawyer. Your client, Mr. Sharma, has received an eviction notice from his landlord. The notice is poorly drafted, full of grammatical errors, and uses intimidating but legally incorrect language (e.g., "You must vacate immediately or face severe police action"). (i) Identify the specific problems in the notice from a legal language perspective. (ii) Draft a formal, legally correct reply to the landlord on behalf of Mr. Sharma, citing the appropriate rent control legislation and demanding the due process be followed	**15 Marks**	**L4**	**CO4**

19.	**a.**	You are clerking for a judge hearing the case of *State v. R.* , a cyclist, was hit by a car that jumped a red light. The defence argues "Volenti non fit injuria," claiming Rohan assumed risk by cycling in the city. Prepare a case commentary for the judge analyzing the application of this maxim. Conclude with your analysis of whether the defence should succeed.	**15 Marks**	**L4**	**CO4**
		Or			
20.	**a.**	"QuickLease Ltd." uses a standard rental agreement. A dispute has arisen because a tenant is keeping a pet, and the clause states: "No animals shall be kept on the premises." The tenant argues this excludes only farm animals, not pets. **Question:** (i) Identify the ambiguity in the clause. (ii) Redraft the clause to eliminate any ambiguity, making it clear whether pets are allowed, and if so, under what conditions.	**5+10= 15Marks**	**L4**	**CO4**

21.	**a.**	The "Future Drones Act" defines a 'drone' as 'an unmanned flying object'. A company is sued for invasion of privacy after flying a high-altitude, camera-equipped balloon. They argue it is not a 'drone'.You are the lawyer for the plaintiff. (i) Argue why the balloon falls within the statutory definition. (ii) Analyze how the poor drafting of the definition aids your opponent's case.	**10+10= 20Marks**	**L4**	**CO4**
		Or			

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