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BENGALURU

End - Term Examinations – December 2025

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

School: SOL	**Program:** BA/BBA/BCOM LLB (HONS.)	
Course Code : LAW4083	**Course Name:** IPR in SMEs	
Semester: IX	**Max Marks**: 100	**Weightage**: 50%

CO - Levels	**CO1**	**CO2**	**CO3**	**CO4**	**CO5**
Marks	**25**	**25**	**15**	**15**	**20**

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 x 2M=20M

1.	What is the difference between a design and a trademark?	2 Marks	L1	CO1
2.	What is the significance of the Udyam Registration Portal under the MSME Act, 2006?	2 Marks	L1	CO3
3.	Explain briefly any one challenge faced by MSMEs in India.	2 Marks	L2	CO5
4.	Who is the ex-officio chairperson of the National Board for Micro, Small and Medium Enetrprises?	2 Marks	L1	CO4
5.	How does the PCT (Patent Cooperation Treaty) benefit MSMEs? Provide briefly.	2 Marks	L2	CO2
6.	Briefly provide the significance of the portal 'MSME Samadhaan'.	2 Marks	L2	CO2
7.	Briefly provide the significance of the patent filing for start-up companies.	2 Marks	L1	CO4
8.	Which court has the initial jurisdiction to try any offence punishable under the MSME Development Act 2006?	2 Marks	L1	CO5
9.	Explain the significance of promoting the MSME sector in brief.	2 Marks	L2	CO6
10.	Provide the objective of the MSME Development Act 2006.	2 Marks	L1	CO5

Part B

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

11.	a.	Explain in detail the latest classification criteria for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in India as per the revised 2025 guidelines. Highlight the investment and turnover thresholds applicable to each category. Critically discuss the need for such a multifaceted classification system. In your answer, analyze how these criteria support technological upgradation, ensure targeted policy benefits, and promote scale and competitiveness for enterprises at different stages of business growth in India.	10 Marks	L3	CO1
Or					
12.	a.	The evolution of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in India reflects key phases ranging from pre-independence cottage industry tradition, through post-independence industrial policies, to the formal framework introduced by the MSMED Act, 2006 and recent reforms. Trace this historical journey, emphasizing milestones, institutional changes, and policy shifts that have influenced MSME growth and their significance for India's inclusive development.	10 Marks	L3	CO1

13.	a.	Define intellectual assets and explain their significance for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). Discuss how patents, trademarks, copyrights, designs, and geographical indications contribute to the growth and competitiveness of MSMEs in India.	10 Marks	L4	CO2
Or					
14.	a.	Analyze how the characteristics of MSMEs, such as their adaptability, innovation, and contribution to local employment, enable them to respond effectively to market changes and economic challenges. Illustrate your answer with real-world examples of MSMEs that have leveraged these traits to achieve growth and competitiveness in recent years.	5+5 Marks	L4	CO2

15.	a.	Discuss the key systemic and practical difficulties faced by MSMEs in the process of filing intellectual property in India? Evaluate how these challenges affect innovation and business growth among small and medium enterprises.	10 Marks	L3	CO3
Or					
16.	a.	Explain the significance of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in India. Discuss how the PCT system facilitates international patent protection, delays national phase entry, and provides a unified procedure for securing rights in multiple countries. What are the eligibility criteria and key procedural steps for MSMEs to file a PCT application? Discuss.	10 Marks	L3	CO3

17.	a.	Explain the specific challenges MSMEs face when registering designs and trademarks under Indian law. How do procedural delays, costs, and lack of technical guidance influence the willingness and ability of MSMEs to protect their product designs? Explain the steps taken by government of India to resolve the challenges.	10+5 Marks	L4	CO4
Or					
18.	a.	Explain the mechanism provided under the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (MSMED) Act, 2006 for resolving disputes related to delayed payment to MSMEs. Discuss the role of the Micro and Small Enterprises Facilitation Council (MSEFC) and the process for filing and adjudicating claims. How does the accelerated appeal system ensure timely resolution of such disputes? Elaborate.	10+5 Marks	L4	CO4

19.	a.	Discuss the importance of trade secrets as an intellectual asset for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). What strategies and internal controls should MSMEs adopt to effectively manage and protect their trade secrets, especially in the absence of formal registration? Elaborate.	15 Marks	L4	CO5
Or					
20.	a.	Analyze the strategic importance of IPR for MSMEs aiming to dominate a niche business area. How can MSMEs use targeted innovation, branding, and protection of proprietary knowledge to differentiate themselves and secure a strong market presence? Illustrate your answer with examples from recent industry trends.	10+5 Marks	L4	CO5

21.	a.	Discuss the concept and mechanism of the IP secured loan system for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in India. Explain how intellectual property rights can be used as collateral for loans, the role of government schemes and financial institutions in facilitating such loans, and the benefits and challenges associated with IP-backed financing for MSMEs.	20 Marks	L4	CO6
Or					
22.	a.	A startup MSME has recently created a novel software application and is concerned about its intellectual property being copied or used without authorization. The entrepreneur seeks legal advice on drafting licensing agreements, confidentiality clauses, and trademarks. How can the lawyer assist in establishing a comprehensive IP protection strategy, including securing copyrights and patents, and what steps should be taken to monitor and enforce these rights in the digital space? Provide strategy.	20 Marks	L4	CO6