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BENGALURU

End - Term Examinations – December 2025

Date: 22 – 12- 2025 **Time:** 09:30am – 12:30pm

School: SOL-PG	**Program:** LLM- Criminal Law	
Course Code: PGL3047	**Course Name:** Socio-Economic Crimes and Legal Challenges	
Semester: I	**Max Marks**:100	**Weightage**: 50%

CO - Levels	**CO1**	**CO2**	**CO3**	**CO4**	**CO5**
Marks	**20**	**20**	**25**	**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 are socio-economic offences?	2 Marks	L1	CO1
2	What is meant by privileged class deviance?	2 Marks	L1	CO1
3	State any two major forms of cyber-crimes under the IT Act, 2000.	2 Marks	L1	CO1
4	Define phishing with an example.	2 Marks	L1	CO1
5	What is corporate criminal liability?	2 Marks	L1	CO1
6	Mention two challenges in investigating cross-border cyber-crimes.	2 Marks	L2	CO2
7	What is intermediary liability?	2 Marks	L2	CO2
8	Who are considered “public servants” under anti-corruption laws?	2 Marks	L2	CO2
9	Define intellectual property infringement.	2 Marks	L2	CO2
10	What is meant by non-citizenship in criminal liability?	2 Marks	L2	CO2

Part B

Answer the Questions **Total 80 Marks**

11.	**a.**	Discuss the historical evolution and nature of socio-economic offences in India and its impact on Society.	10 Marks	L1	CO1

or

12.	**a.**	Explain the concept of white-collar crime and its socio-economic consequences with the help of suitable examples.	10 Marks	L1	CO1

13.	**a.**	Analyse the offense of corruption by public servants under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.	10 Marks	L2	CO2

or

14.	**a.**	Explain jurisdictional, adjudicatory, and evidentiary challenges in prosecuting cyber-crimes.	10 Marks	L2	CO2

15.	**a.**	Discuss criminal responsibility for online hate speech and harassment against LGBTQI+ persons with reference to constitutional safeguards.	10 Marks	L3	CO3

Or

16.	**a.**	Examine the impact of AI-driven cyber-attacks such as deepfakes, automated phishing on criminal investigation and trial and relevant guidelines for regulating the cyber-crimes.	10 Marks	L3	CO3

17.	**a.**	A senior banking officer manipulates funds through fake loan accounts causing huge public loss. Analyze applicable legal provisions, mens rea, and punishment.	15 Marks	L3	CO3

Or

18.	**a**	A hacker in another country steals data from an Indian e-commerce platform and sells it on the dark web. Discuss jurisdiction and enforcement mechanisms for prosecution.	15 Marks	L3	CO3

19.	**a**	A multinational corporation operating in India is accused of large-scale tax evasion and bribing officials to hide profits. Examine legal issues under socio-economic crime laws, corporate liability, and judicial precedents.	15 Marks	L4	CO4

Or

20.	**a**	A social media influencer posts defamatory and misleading financial information manipulating stock prices. Assess criminal liability, intermediary obligations, and regulatory challenges under cyber & financial crime laws.	15 Marks	L4	CO4

21.		A global social media company fails to regulate deepfake videos targeting vulnerable communities and causing financial fraud. Answer the following: a) Examine the criminal liabilities of the platform under the IT Act and IPC. b) Discuss the role of intermediary due diligence and safe harbour limitations. c) Suggest preventive regulatory solutions to curb deepfake-based socio-economic crimes.	10 Marks 5 Marks 5 Marks	L5	CO5

Or

22.		A foreign journalist staying in India is accused of circulating fake economic data damaging public markets. Answer the following: a) Explain legal provisions applicable to non-citizens for criminal acts affecting national economy. b) Analyse jurisdiction, extradition or deportation concerns. c) Evaluate freedom of speech vs public order in such cases.	10 Marks 5 Marks 5 Marks	L5	CO5

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