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PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY BENGALURU

SCHOOL OF LAW END TERM EXAMINATION - JAN 2023

Semester: SEMESTER - V - 2020 Batch Date: 5-JAN-2023

Course Code: LAW312 **Time**: 1.00PM - 4.00PM

Course Name: Sem V - LAW312 - RTI

Program: BA.,LLB (Hons.) / BBA.,LLB (Hons.) / B.Com.,LLB (Hons.)

Weightage: 50%

Instructions:

(i) Read all questions carefully and answer accordingly.

(ii) Question paper consists of 3 parts.

(iii) Scientific and non-programmable calculator are permitted.

PART A

ANSWER ALL THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

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1. What are the objectives of the Right to Information Act, 2005?

(CO1) [Knowledge]

2. Who is the 'competent authority' under Section 2(e) of the RTI Act?

(CO2) [Knowledge]

3. Is there any provision for second appeal under the RTI Act? State before whom it can be filed.

(CO3) [Knowledge]

4. Mention the constitution of the Selection Committee under the Lokpal and Lokayukta Act, 2013.

(CO4) [Knowledge]

5. Which landmark judgment was over ruled by the Supreme Court while passing the judgment of Justice K.S. Puttaswamy (Retd.) & Anr. vs. Union of India & Ors.?Mention the strength of the bench.

(CO5) [Knowledge]

6. What are Public Records under the Public Records Act, 1993?

(CO5) [Knowledge]

7. Mention the number of sections and schedules in the RTI Act, 2005?

(CO3) [Knowledge]

8. What are the new provisions that have been inserted in the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018?

(CO4) [Knowledge]

9. What are 'Record creating agencies' under section 2(f) of Public Records Act, 1993?

(CO2) [Knowledge]

10. State the time durations for preliminary enquiry, investigation and trial of cases by the Lokpal.

(CO4) [Knowledge]

PART B

ANSWER ALL THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

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11. Write a short note on evolution of RTI in India with reference to Supreme Court judgements and work of activists till the promulgation of the RTI Act, 2005.

(CO1) [Comprehension]

12. *"Transparency is the rule but secrecy is an exception".* Discuss this statement in the light of RTI Act, 2005 in India.

(CO2) [Comprehension]

13. "Right to Information is not a new philosophy but the concept became popular in 2005". Trace the history and development of RTI Act, 2005 in India.

(CO4) [Comprehension]

14. "Subject to the provisions of this Act, all citizens shall have the right to information." Examine the procedure to get information and the obligation of the Public Authorities to provide information.

(CO5) [Comprehension]

PART C

ANSWER ALL THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

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15. 'India can now proudly proclaim that its citizens today have been bestowed with specific RTI, which will unquestionably lead them towards the path of development. Although there are still some shortcomings in the implementation process creating obstruction in the way of becoming the largest democracy in the world'. Discuss.

(CO3) [Application]

16. Mr. Ramesh filed a complaint to the State Information Commission against the Public Information Officer of K.R. Hospital, Mysore for non-disclosure of information. The Commission rejected his application with a direction to approach the first appellate Authority. Advise Mr. Ramesh with the procedure followed for filing an appeal under the RTI Act.

(CO5) [Application]
