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**Make-Up Examinations, July 2024**

**Semester**: V &VI

**Course Code**: LAW312

**Course Name**: Right to Information

**Program:** LAW

**Date**: 09.07.2024

**Time**: 1:30 AM -4:30 PM

**Max Marks**: 100

**Weightage**: 50%

**Instructions:**

1. *Read the all questions carefully and answer accordingly.*
2. *Do not write any matter on the question paper other than roll number.*

**Part A**

**Answer any 4 Questions. Each question carries 5 marks. (4Qx 5M= 20M)**

1. Define the term "public authority" as per the Right to Information Act, 2005.

2. Explain the role of Public Information Officers under the RTI Act.

3. Identify the main objectives of the Whistle-blower Protection Act, 2014.

4. Define the term "Information Commissioner" and state their primary roles.

5. Explain the constitutional basis for the Right to Information in India.

6. Describe the key provisions of the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013.

**Part B**

**Answer any 4 Questions. Each question carries 10 marks. (4Qx10M=40M)**

7. Compare and contrast the powers and functions of the Central Information Commission and State Information Commissions.

8. Critically examine the relationship between the Right to Information Act and the Lokpal and Lokayuktas Act, 2013. How do they complement each other in fighting corruption?

9. Analyze the conflict between the Right to Privacy and the Right to Information. How can a balance be struck between these two rights?

10. Analyze the role of the Supreme Court in shaping the right to information before the enactment of the RTI Act, 2005.

11. Compare and contrast the complaint and appeal procedures under the RTI Act. How do they ensure accountability of public authorities?

12. Discuss the penalties under the RTI Act. How would you apply these provisions in a case of willful non-compliance by a public authority?

**Part C**

**Answer any 2 Questions. Each question carries 20 marks. (2Qx20M=40M)**

13. Critically evaluate the impact of recent amendments to the RTI Act on its effectiveness. Discuss the arguments for and against these amendments.

14. Examine the interplay between the Official Secrets Act, 1923 and the Right to Information Act, 2005. How do these acts impact the flow of information in government? Suggest reforms to harmonize these laws.

15. Develop a comprehensive strategy to promote the use of RTI among marginalized communities in India. Your strategy should address awareness, accessibility, and support mechanisms.