

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)

BSc DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2024
(Fourth Semester)

Branch – PSYCHOLOGY

LEGAL ASPECTS OF PSYCHOLOGY

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 50 Marks

SECTION-A (5 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks (5 x 1 = 5)

1. Legal psychology is the application of psychological principles to which legal area?
 - i) Contract Law
 - ii) Criminal Law
 - iii) Family Law
 - iv) Property Law
2. In which of the following situations can a person be involuntarily hospitalized under the Mental Healthcare Act?
 - i) If they are experiencing mild depression.
 - ii) If they pose a serious threat to themselves or others.
 - iii) If they are unable to work due to mental illness.
 - iv) If they refuse to take medication.
3. The primary act in India that deals with protecting children from offences like abuse, exploitation, and trafficking is:
 - i) Indian Penal Code (IPC)
 - ii) Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act (PWDVA)
 - iii) Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO Act, (2012)
 - iv) Juvenile Justice Act (JJ Act)
4. The Right to Education Act mandates schools to provide an Inclusive Education Plan (IEP) for:
 - i) All students regardless of ability.
 - ii) Students with disciplinary issues.
 - iii) Students with disabilities, including those with mental illness.
 - iv) Students preparing for competitive exams.
5. _____ is a Psychological Service.
 - i) National Programme for Senior Citizens (NPS)
 - ii) Competency to stand trial (CST)
 - iii) Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Act (2007)
 - iv) Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act (RPD Act) (2016)

SECTION - B (15 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions

ALL Questions Carry EQUAL Marks (5 x 3 = 15)

- 6 a) Explain Bentham's law of jurisprudence.
OR
b) Explain the relevance of classifying law based on content and origin.
- 7 a) How does the existing mental health legislations protect the rights of students with mental illness compared to the general population?
OR
b) Discuss the role of legislation in mandating mental health awareness training for teachers and other school staff.

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- 8 a) Analyse the strengths and weaknesses of POSCO Act in safeguarding children's well-being.

OR

- b) Explain the significance of corrective institutions under Juvenile Justice laws.

- 9 a) Explain the main provisions of Right of Persons With Disability Act,2016.

OR

- b) Discuss the strategies employed by the Disability Rights Movement to advocate for change.

- 10 a) Discuss the issues associated with breach of fundamental right to privacy and confidentiality.

OR

- b) Explain any 2 cognitive tests used in forensic assessments

SECTION -C (30 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks

(5 x 6 = 30)

- 11 a) Analyse how differently sociological and realistic schools of jurisprudence analyze legal issues.

OR

- b) Compare and contrast the three approaches proposed by Haney.

- 12 a) Critically analyse the significance of McNaughton rule.

OR

- b) Explain how legislations like The Right to Education Act,2009 be further utilized to ensure that students with mental health challenges are effectively included in the educational mainstream?

- 13 a) Analyse the inconsistencies or gaps in the current legal framework established for crimes against children.

OR

- b) Poverty and lack of access to education are often cited as contributing factors to child labour and trafficking. How can legislation be used to address these underlying social issues that make children vulnerable.

- 14 a) Analyse the provisions of National Trust Act 1999.

OR

- b) Senior citizens have rights concerning their property and inheritance. Examine how the law protects these rights and safeguards against potential exploitation.

- 15 a) Appraise the key functions that psychologists perform within the legal system.

OR

- b) Analyze how psycho-legal services can influence legal decision-making.

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