



End Semester/Reappear (Semester II) Examination, May 2025

Programme: LLB
Course: Family Law 1
Course Code: 24D.110
Enrolment no. _____

Full Marks: 70
Time: 3 Hrs.

Section I

- 1. Short Answer type questions. Answer any four. 4 x 5 = 20**
- What is the legal status of a marriage solemnized in contravention of Section 5(i) of HMA, 1956?
 - Explain the grounds of divorce available to both husband and wife under Section 13.
 - Can a married woman adopt a child? Under what circumstances?
 - Examine the scope of a wife's right to maintenance under Section 18 of the HAMA, 1956.
 - What remedies are available to a dependent under the Act if maintenance is not provided?
 - Critically analyze the Supreme Court's views on irretrievable breakdown of marriage as a ground for divorce.

Section II

- Long Answer type questions. Answer any three. 3 x 10 = 30**
- Define the term "coparcener" in the context of Hindu joint family property.
 - Analyze the role of Section 13B (Divorce by Mutual Consent) in reducing matrimonial litigation.
 - Explain the doctrine of pious obligation.
 - Explain the composition and structure of a Joint Hindu Family under Mitakshara Law. How does it differ from a Dayabhaga family?
 - Discuss the concept and legal consequences of partition in a Joint Hindu Family. What is the difference between de facto and de jure partition?

Section III

- Application based questions. Answer any one. 1 x 20 = 20**
- "The concept of restitution of conjugal rights is archaic and violative of the right to privacy and dignity." Do you agree with this statement? Support your answer with constitutional principles and judicial pronouncement.
 - A and B, both Hindus, were married under Hindu rites. A discovers that B was already married at the time of their marriage. B argues that he had separated from his first wife. Discuss the legal status of their marriage and A's legal remedies under the Hindu Marriage Act.
 - A and B, a Hindu couple, adopt a boy aged 17 years, just before his 18th birthday. Later, the boy is denied inheritance by relatives, claiming the adoption is void. Discuss the legality of the adoption and the boy's rights under the Act.
