



PRACTICE SET
End Semester Examination, Spring- 2026

Program: BA LLB
Semester: IV
Subject: Philosophy II
Subject Code: 24F.207

Course Outcome:

On the completion of the Course, the students will be able to:

Course Outcomes	Description
CO1	Describe and differentiate major legal theories including Positivism, Natural Law, and Legal Realism
CO2	Interpret and critically examine the works of theorists like Austin, Bentham, Hart, Kelsen, and Dworkin
CO3	Compare Natural Law theory with Positivism and evaluate their influence on legal reasoning.
CO4	Explain the influence of legal philosophies on the structure and goals of legal institutions in society

UNIT I
Section A (10 marks)

1. What is meant by the theory of law? Explain its nature, purpose, and significance in understanding legal systems. (CO1) (Understand) (LOT)
2. Define law according to Austin and briefly explain the key components of his definition. (CO1) (Remember) (LOT)
3. Explain Bentham's Theory of Law and discuss its essential elements with examples.(CO1) (Understand) (LOT)
4. State the difference between Bentham's theory of law and Austin's theory of law. (CO1) (Remember) (LOT)

5. Explain the concept of sovereignty in Austin's theory and its role in defining law. (CO1) (Understand) (LOT)
6. Critically analyze the limitations of Austin's Command Theory in modern legal systems. (CO1) (Analyze) (HOT)
7. Evaluate the relevance of Separation of Law and morality. (CO1) (Evaluate) (HOT)
8. Discuss the pure theory of law with reference to its philosophical foundations. (CO1) (Analyze) (HOT)

Section B (20 marks)

9. Apply Austin's theory of law to modern constitutional democracies and examine whether his concept of sovereignty holds valid in present-day governance, particularly in systems with separation of powers. (CO1) (Apply) (HOT)
10. "Source of law is the will of the sovereign which may consist of laws made by him or permitting laws made by the former sovereign to continue or may adopt laws to be made in by subordinate authorities". Critically assess this aspect in light of Bentham's view. (CO1) (Evaluate) (HOT)
11. Customs are overlooked in the theory of command. Critically analyze this statement in light of sovereignty in Austin's theory. (CO1) (Analyze) (HOT)

UNIT II

Section A (10 marks)

12. Define Natural Law and explain its basic principles and philosophical foundation. (CO2) (Remember) (LOT)
13. Explain the Natural Law theory of St. Thomas Aquinas and describe its key components such as eternal law, natural law, and human law. (CO2) (Understand) (LOT)
14. What is legal reasoning? Explain its importance in judicial decision-making. (CO2) (Remember) (LOT)
15. Critically evaluate the relationship between Natural Law and Legal Positivism, highlighting their points of conflict and convergence. (CO2) (Evaluate) (HOT)

16. Define legal positivism and explain its core idea of separation of law and morality. (CO2) (Remember) (LOT)
17. Elaborate the concept of divine law to a real-life legal issue and explain its implications.(CO2) (Apply) (HOT)
18. Analyze the interrelationship between eternal law, natural law, and human law as propounded by Aquinas.(CO2) (Analyze) (HOT)
19. St. Thomas Aquinas is considered to be the representative of natural law.Evaluate the contribution of St. Thomas Aquinas to legal philosophy and its relevance in modern legal thought. (CO2) (Evaluate) (HOT)

Section B (20 marks)

20. Critically evaluate the Natural Law theory and examine its relevance in modern legal systems, especially in the protection of human rights and constitutional values. (CO2) (Evaluate) (HOT)
21. Examine the debate between Natural Law and Legal Positivism, highlighting their philosophical differences and practical implications in judicial interpretation and law-making. (CO2) (Analyze) (HOT)

UNIT III

Section A (10 marks)

22. What is normative theory in law? Explain its meaning, scope, and importance in legal philosophy. (CO3) (Understand) (LOT)
23. Explain the concept of critical legal theory and discuss its objectives with suitable examples. (CO3) (Apply) (LOT)
24. Describe the concept of legal realism. Explain its main ideas and approach towards law. (CO3) (Understand) (LOT)
25. Define economic analysis of law and explain its basic assumptions and objectives. (CO3) (Remember) (LOT)
26. Explain Scandinavian Realism and discuss its key features and thinkers. (CO3) (Understand) (LOT)

27. Compare the concepts of American Realism and Scandinavian Realism with reference to their approach and methodology. (CO3) (Analyze) (HOT)
28. Critically assess the role of ethics in normative legal theories and its impact on law-making and interpretation. (CO3) (Evaluate) (HOT)

Section B (20 marks)

29. Critically evaluate the basic features of the Realist School of Jurisprudence and examine its impact on judicial decision-making and legal development.(CO3) (Evaluate) (HOT)
30. Apply the principles of the Legal Realism to analyze how efficiency, incentives, and cost-benefit considerations shape legal rules and public policy decisions.
31. Analyze O.W. Holmes' "Path of Law" and explain its significance in shaping modern legal realism and the predictive theory of law. (CO3) (Analyze) (HOT)

UNIT IV

Section A (10 marks)

32. Discuss the role and importance of law in modern society. (CO4) (Remember) (LOT)
33. Examine the role and functioning of legal institutions in shaping legal responsibility and ensuring the effective administration of justice. (CO4) (Analyze) (HOT)
34. Apply the theories regarding origin of law to a practical situation and explain how origin is determined. (CO4) (Apply) (LOT)
35. Examine different impacts created by a legal institution with suitable examples. (CO4) (Analyze) (HOT)
36. Compare the relationship between law and legal institutions and explain its significance in a society. (CO4) (Analyze) (HOT)
37. Explain the philosophical foundation of property. (CO4) (Understand) (LOT)
38. Explain the role of intention and negligence in determining liability in legal cases.(CO4) (Understand) (LOT)

Section B (20 marks)

39. Critically evaluate the various theories of liability and discuss their applicability in modern legal systems with suitable case references and illustrations. (CO4) (Evaluate) (HOT)

40. Analyze the theory of liability in detail, examining its evolution, key principles, and significance in ensuring justice, accountability, and social order in contemporary society. (CO4) (Analyze) (HOT)

Summary Sheet

CO Wise

CO	Q. No	Marks
CO1	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	140
CO2	12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21	120
CO3	22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31	130
CO4	32,33,34,35,36,37,38,39,40	110
Total		500

Unit Wise

Unit	Q. No	Marks
Unit 1	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11	140
Unit 2	12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21	120
Unit 3	22,23,24,25,26,27,28,29,30,31	130
Unit 4	32,33,34,35,36,37,38,39,40	110
Total		500

Blooms Taxonomy Level (BTL) Wise

BTL	Q. No	Marks
LOT	2,6,12, 14,15,18,19,20,21,24,25,26,27,28,29,31,34,36,39,40	180
HOT	1,3,4,5,7,8,9,10,11,13,16,17,22,23,30,32,33,35,37,38,41,42	320
Total		500

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