Fourth Semester LL.M. (Const.) Degree Examination, June 2011 CONSTITUTIONAL THEORY AND PRACTICE (Specialization Paper – VIII) (Course – II)

Duration: 3 Hours Max. Marks: 80

Instructions: 1. Answer **all** questions.

2. Figures to the **right** indicate marks.

Q. No. 1. (a) Examine the nature and importance of Constitutions in modern democracies.

Marks: 10

OR

Explain distinction between constituent and legislative power with the help of provisions of the Indian Constitution.

(b) Write a note on evolution of constitutions in the west.

Marks: 6

OR

Explain briefly the requisites of a perfect Constitution.

Q. No. 2. (a) Examine ancient Indian concept of Saptanga theory with reference to duties and obligations of the rulers.

Marks: 10

OR

Discuss Karl Marx's and T. H. Green's contribution to contemporary political thought.

(b) Write a note on Nehru's vision of a Constitution.

Marks: 6

OR

Explain briefly John Locke's social contract.

Q. No. 3. (a) Examine Constitutional provisions relating to protection of religious and linguistic minorities.

Marks: 10

OR

Discuss the impact of political practices on secularisation of the society.

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(b) Write explanatory note on pluralism.

OR

Write a note on ethnic minorities and the constitution.

Q. No. 4. (a) Explain the importance of preamble and Constituent Assembly debates in interpretation of the Constitution.

Marks: 10

OR

Examine the role of values and political ideologies in interpretation of the Constitution.

(b) Write a critical note on original intention theory.

Marks: 6

OR

Explain briefly non-derogation provisions.

Q. No. 5. (a) Explain with reference to decided cases the concept of harmonious construction.

Marks: 10

OR

Discuss the distinction between interpreting the Constitution as a value document and as a legal document.

(b) Write a note on colourable legislation.

Marks: 6

OR

Write a critical note on Reading up and Reading down.
