

MASTER'S DEGREE (C.S.S) EXAMINATION, MARCH 2025
2020, 2021, 2022 ADMISSIONS SUPPLEMENTARY
SOCIOLOGY SEMESTER IV - ELECTIVE COURSE
SO4E05TM20 - Sociology of Law

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Weight : 30

Part A

I. Answer any Eight questions. Each question carries 1 weight**(8x1=8)**

1. What is meant by socio-legal uniformity?
2. Distinguish between divine law, human law and eternal law.
3. Differentiate between sociology of law and sociological jurisprudence.
4. What is the integrative function of law?
5. What is the familial ideology?
6. What are the features of sanctions?
7. What is Austin's concept of law?
8. What is significant about the 'Vishakha judgement'?
9. What is meant by Lok Ayukta?
10. Give examples for significant PILs in India.

Part B

II. Answer any Six questions. Each question carries 2 weight**(6x2=12)**

11. Discuss how the sociological perspective on law is different from the commonsense perspective on law.
12. Explain the theory of social engineering with a suitable example.
13. Write a short note on 'law improperly so called'.
14. Discuss Luhmann's idea that the legal system is an autopoietic and differentiated (sub)system within the society.
15. State the criticisms of Austin's theory of law.
16. Examine the latent and manifest functions of the abolition of Sati in India.
17. According to Lata Mani, what was the space occupied by women in the debate regarding the abolition of Sati?
18. Is capital punishment effective in reducing crime? Analyse this based on available statistics.

Part C

III. Answer any Two questions. Each question carries 5 weight**(2x5=10)**

19. Trace the historical development of the sociology of law.
20. Critically evaluate the perspectives in the political economy of law.
21. Are there different systems of law in India today? Examine critically.
22. Discuss why debates on the uniform civil code focus on the rights of communities and the rights of women.