



# LEGAL METHOD

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## SYLLABUS

- **The Idea of Law:**
  - 1. Functions and Purposes of Law.
    - **Classification of Law:**
      - Civil and Criminal Law,
      - Public and Private Law,
      - Statutory and Non-Statutory Law
      - Substantive and Procedural Law and
      - Municipal and International Law.
- **Basic Sources of Law:**
  - 1. Custom.
  - 2. Precedent.
  - 3. Legislation.
- **Conventional Law, Family of Laws:**
  - 1. Common Law System.
  - 2. Civil Law or Romano Germanic System.
  - 3. African or Primitive System.
- **Concept of Interpretation, Legal Research**
  - 1. Concept of Legal Research.
  - 2. Objectives.
  - 3. Different Kinds.
  - 4. Tools.
  - 5. Techniques.
  - 6. Sources of Information or data.
  - 7. Planning.
  - 8. Use of Law Library.
  - 9. Analysis of Data.
  - 10. Modes of Citation.
  - 11. Bibliography.
- **Case Study:**



**Study of Selected Landmark Cases:**

1. **Air India v. Nargesh Meerza, AIR 1981 SC 1829.**
2. **D.K. Basu v. State of W.B. (1997) SCC 417.**
- c. **Geeta Hariharan v. Reserve Bank of India, AIR 1999 SC 1149.**
4. **Peoples Union for Civil Liberties v. Union of India (1997) 1 SCC 301.**
5. **Vishakha v. State of Rajasthan AIR 1997 SC 3014.**
6. **Bodhisattwa Gautam v. Miss Subhra Chakraborty (1996) 1 SCC 490.**

**(As per the updated curriculum, the subject Legal Method has been discontinued and replaced with Competition Law in accordance with the new syllabus guidelines.)**

**COMPETITION LAW NEW SYLLABUS**

- 1. Introduction to Competition law:** Evolution and Growth of competition law, Monopoly, Globalization and New Changes, Concept of market, Open market, Regulated market, Salient features of the Competition Act, 2002.
- 2. Anti-competitive Agreements:** Concept, forms and Treatment of anti-competitive agreements, Rules to determine Effects of Anti-Competitive Agreements, Agreements which do not cause adverse effects on Competition. Freedom of Contract and Constitutional Initiative.
- 3. Abuse of dominant position:** Concept, forms and treatment in India, Essential facilities doctrine, Refusal, Pricings strategies and abuse of dominant position.
- 4. Combinations:** Concept under the Competition Act, 2002, Regulation of Combinations-Relevant product Market, Relevant Geographical Market, Regulation of Cross-border combinations.



5. **Competition Commission of India:** Composition of CCI, Selection Committee for Chairperson and Members of Commission, Duties of CCI.
6. **Powers and functions:** Meeting of Commission, Procedure for Inquiry on Complaint under Section 19.
7. **CCI Procedures:** Procedure for investigation of Combination, Powers of Commission to regulate its own procedure.
8. **Orders of Commission:** Review, Rectification and Execution.
9. **Competition Appellate Tribunal and Penalties:** Composition of Tribunal, Procedure for filing Appeal, Procedure and Powers of Appellate Tribunal, Appeal to Supreme Court, Competition Advocacy.

**The above issues are to be studied with special reference to the Competition Act, 2002 and relevant case laws on the subject.**

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## **PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTION PAPERS**

FULL MARKS: 80

### **2024 | LEGAL METHOD**

**Answer any five Questions**

1. (a) Discuss the importance of Precedent as a source of law.  
(b) Write down the differences between Supreme and Subordinate Legislation. 8+8
  
2. (a) Explain briefly the African System of law.  
(b) Discuss the difference between Custom and Usage. 8+8
  
3. (a) Discuss the distinction between Substantive law and Procedural law.  
(b) How do these classifications contribute to the functioning of the legal system? 12+4
  
4. (a) Explain the literal rule of Interpretation with important Case laws.  
(b) What do you mean by Harmonious Construction? 4+12
  
5. (a) Distinguish between Public law and Private law.  
(b) How do these classifications shape the relationship between individuals and the state in a legal context? 12+4
  
6. (a) What are the fundamental differences between the Common Law System and the Romano-Germanic (Civil Law) System in terms of legal origins and development?  
(b) Can elements of the Common Law and Romano-Germanic Systems be effectively combined in a legal framework? Give examples. 12+4
  
7. (a) Define the term “Research” and “Legal Research.” Mention the objectives of Legal Research  
(b) What are the techniques of Legal Research? 4+6+6
  
8. (a) What is Data?

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(b) How is the law library used for legal research?  
(c) Discuss the questionnaire method of data collection. 4+6+6

9. Discuss facts, judgment, issues of any one of the following:  
- Bodhisattwa Gautam vs. Miss Subhra Chakraborty (1996) 1 SCC 490  
- Geeta Hariharan vs. Reserve Bank of India AIR 1999.

10. Write short notes on (any four):

- (a) Modes of Citation
- (b) Tools of Research
- (c) Hypothesis
- (d) Secondary Data
- (e) Case Study Method of Research
- (f) Municipal Law

## 2023 | LEGAL METHOD

**Answer any five Questions**

- 1.(a) Define the term Law with the help of definitions provided by various Jurists.  
(b) What are the important functions and purposes of Law?(6+10)
2. (a) Briefly discuss the basic sources of Law.  
(b) Discuss the importance of precedent as a source of Law. (10+6)

- 3.(a) What is Civil Law or Romano Germanic System?  
(b) State its importance in the development of Codified Laws.8+8

4. Discuss the origin, development and characteristic features of Common Law System. (16)



5. (a) What do you mean by Interpretation?  
(b) Discuss the major Rules of Interpretation with the help of decided cases. 4+12

6. Distinguish between: 4x4  
(a) Substantive Law and Procedural Law  
(b) International Law and Municipal Law.  
(c) Public Law and Private Law  
(d) International Law and Municipal Law

7.(a) Discuss the important objectives of Legal Research.  
(b) What are the kinds of legal Research?  
(b) Distinguish between Doctrinal and Non-Doctrinal Research.  
(8+4+4)

8. (a)What is the source of information or data ?  
(b) What are the different Sources of Information or Data Collection?  
(c) Discuss the Questionnaire Method of Data Collection. (6+6+4)

9. Discuss the facts and judgement of any one of the following:(16)  
(a) D.K. Basu v. State of West Bengal (1997) SCC 417.  
(b) Geeta Hariharan v. Reserve Bank of India AIR 1999 SC 1149.  
(c) Vishakha vs. State of Rajasthan AIR 1997 SC3014.

10. Write a brief note on any four of the following topics. (4x4)  
(a) Bibliography  
(b) Use of Law Library  
(c) Hypothesis / Data  
(d) Different Kinds of Legislation  
(e) Ratio Decidendi.





## 2022 | LEGAL METHOD

**Answer any five Questions**

- 1.(a) Can the term law be precisely defined?  
(b) What are the functions of Law? 8+8
- 2.(a) Enumerate the various sources of Law.8  
(b) Distinguish between –8  
(i) Precedent and Legislation  
(ii) Custom and Usage
- 3.(a) What do you mean by 'Interpretation'?4  
(b) Explain the 'Golden Rule' and 'Mischief Rule' of Interpretation.12
- 4.(a) Trace the evolution and development of the Common Law System.10  
(b) State its influence on the Indian Legal System.10+6
5. (a) Write down the differences between Common Law and Civil Law system.  
(b) Write a short note on African or Primitive system.12+4
6. (a) What are the different classifications of law? 12  
(b) What are the differences between Civil Law and Criminal Law.4
7. (a) Define the term 'Research' and Legal Research.  
(b) What are the different kinds of Research?  
(c) What are the differences between Doctrinal and Non-Doctrinal Research? 4+6+6
8. (a) What is data?4  
(b) What are the sources of data collection?6  
(c) What do you mean by tools of data collection? 6
9. Discuss facts, issue and judgement of any one of the following cases: 16  
(a) D.K. Basu vs. State of West Bengal 1997 (1) SCC 417.  
(b) People's Union for Civil Liberties vs. Union of India (1996) 1



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(c) *Vishaka vs. State of Rajasthan AIR 1997 SC 3014*

10. Write short notes on any four of the following:4x4

- (a) Bibliography
- (b) Analysis of data
- (c) Precedent
- (d) Tools of Research
- (e) Use of law library.

## 2021 | LEGAL METHOD

**Answer any five Questions**

1.(a) Explain the concept of law with the help of definitions given by various jurists. 6

(b) Discuss the objective and purpose of law? 10

2.(a) Discuss the importance of custom as a source of law.

(b) State its influence on the Indian legal system. 10+6

3. Explain the Romance-Germanic System under the Family of Laws. 16

4. (a) What is English Common Law system?

(b) State its influence on the Indian Legal system. 8+8

5.(a)What do you mean by interpretation?

(b) Discuss the various rules of interpretation with the help of decided cases 4+12

6.Distinguish between the topics:4x4

- (a) Civil Law and Criminal Law
- (b) International Law and Municipal Law
- (c) Substantive Law and Procedural Law



**(d) Public Law and Private Law**

**7. (a) Explain the concept of legal research?**  
**(b) Point out the objective of legal research.**  
**(c) How is the law library used for legal research? 8+4+4**

**8.(a) What is data?**  
**(b) What are the sources of data collection?**  
**(c) Discuss the questionnaire method of data collection. 6+6+4**

**9. Discuss the facts and judgement of any one of the following cases: 16**  
**(a) Air India v. Nargesh Mirza AIR 1981**  
**(b) Vishaka vs. State of Rajasthan AIR 1997.**  
**(c) Geeta Hariharan vs. Reserve Bank of India AIR 1999.**

**10. Write brief notes on any four of the following topics: 4x4**  
**(a) Hypothesis**  
**(b) Bibliography**  
**(c) Data**  
**(d) Method of Research**  
**(e) Different types of Legislation**  
**(f) Precedent**

**2020 | LEGAL METHOD**

**Answer any five Questions**

- 1. (a) Explain the concept of "Law" with the help of definitions given by various jurists.  
(b) What are the objectives and purpose of Law?**
- 2. (a) Describe briefly the various sources of Law.  
(b) Distinguish between Precedent and Legislation.**
- 3. Distinguish between any two of the following:  
(a) Civil Law and Criminal Law,**



(b) Substantive Law and Procedural Law,  
(c) Municipal Law and International Law.

4. (a) What do you mean by "Interpretation"?  
(b) Differentiate between interpretation and construction.

5. (a) What is English Common Law?  
(b) State its influence on Indian Legal System.

6. (a) Explain the literal rule of interpretation with important case Laws  
(b) What do you mean by Harmonious Construction?

7. (a) Define the term 'Research' and 'Legal Research'. Mention the objectives of legal research.  
(b) What are the techniques of Legal Research?

8. (a) Explain Doctrinal and Non-doctrinal Research.  
(b) Define Hypothesis.

9. Discuss facts, issues and judgement of any one of the following cases:  
(a) D. K. Basu vs. State of West Bengal, 1997 (1) SCC 417  
(b) Air India vs. Narsegh Mirza, AIR 1981-SC 1829.

10. Write short notes on any four of the following:  
(a) Essentials of custom  
(b) Different types of Legislation  
(c) Bibliography  
(d) Use of Law library  
(e) Case study

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## 2019 | LEGAL METHOD

**Answer any five Questions**

1. Discuss functions and purpose of law.
2. Distinguish between
  - (a) Civil and Criminal Law
  - (b) Public and Private Law.
3. Explain custom as basic source of law.
4. Explain precedent as basic source of law with illustrations.
5. Discuss Common Law System and its relevance in India.
6. Elucidate objects and purposes of law with the help of case laws.
7. Explain the African system under the family of laws.
8. Write a note on meaning and concept of Legal Research.
9. Discuss the Case Study- Air India vs. Nargesh Mirza, AIR 1981 SC 1829.
10. Discuss the Case Study- Vishakha vs. State of Rajasthan, AIR 1997 SC 3014.



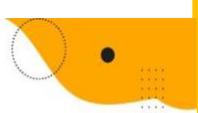
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## 2018 | LEGAL METHOD

### **Answer any five Questions**

- 1.(a) What is the definition of law as given by different jurists?  
(b) What are the objectives and purpose of law? (8+8)**
  
- 2.(a) What is English common law?  
(b) State its influence on the Indian legal system. (6+10)**
  
- 3.(a) Explain the term 'Interpretation'.  
(b) Explain the literal rule of interpretation with illustration. (6+10)**
  
- 4.(a) Define the term Research and legal research. Mention the objectives of legal  
(b) What are the techniques of legal research? 4+4+8**
  
- 5.(a) Write down the differences between Supreme and subordinate legislation.  
(b) Define custom and discuss different kinds of customs. 8+8**
  
- 6. Discuss the facts and judgement of any one of the following cases: 16  
(a) DK Basu vs State of West Bengal 1997  
(b) Air India vs Nargesh Mirza AIR 1981  
(c) Geeta Hariharan vs. Reserve Bank of India AIR 1999**
  
- 7.(a) Explain doctrinal and non-doctrinal research  
(b) What is the difference between the two? (8+8)**
  
- 8. Distinguish between (any four): (4x4)  
(a) Civil law and Criminal law  
(b) Substantive law and Procedural law  
(c) Statutory law and non-statutory law  
(d) Public law and private law  
(e) Municipal law and international law  
(f) Precedent and legislation**
  
- 9. Write short notes on any four: (4x4)**



- (a) Data
- (b) Hypothesis
- (c) Method of research
- (d) Bibliography
- (e) Golden rule of interpretation
- (g) Interpretation and construction

## 2017 | LEGAL METHOD

### **Answer any five Questions**

- 1.(a) Can the term law be precisely defined?  
(b) What are the functions of Law? 8+8
- 2.(a) What do you mean by sources of Law?  
(b) Discuss precedent as sources of Law. 8+8
- 3.(a) What do you mean by interpretation?  
(b) Explain various rules regarding interpretation with the help of case law. (4+12)
- 4.(a) Explain briefly American system of law.  
(b) Discuss the difference between Custom and Legislation. 4+12
- 5.Distinguish between:4x4
  - (a) Public law and Private law
  - (b) Civil law and criminal law
  - (c) International law and Municipal law
  - (d) Substantive law and procedural law
- 6.(a) Trace the evolution and development of common law system.  
(b) write down differences between common law and civil law.8+8
- 7.(a) Define the term Research.  
(b) Distinguish between empirical and doctrinal research.  
(c) Define Hypothesis.4+6+6



8 .(a) What is data?

(b) What are the sources of data collection?

(c) What do you mean by tools of data collection? 4+6+6

9. Discuss the case law 16

(a) D. K. Basu v. State of West Bengal

(b) Vishaka v. State of Bihar

10. Write short notes on any four: (4x4)

(a) Use of law liberty

(b) Case study

(c) Bibliography

(d) Secondary Data

(e) Essentials of custom

(f) Action Research.

## 2016 | LEGAL METHOD

**Answer any five Questions**

1.(a) Explain the concept of Law with the help of definitions given by various jurists. 8

(b) What are the objectives and purpose of Law? 8

2. (a) What is English common Law?6

(b) State its influence on the Indian Legal System. 10

3. (a) What do you mean by Interpretation of Statutes. 8

(b) Differentiate between Interpretation and Construction. 8

4. (a) Explain the Literal Rule of Interpretation with the help of decided cases. 10

(b) What are the objectives of Legal Research? 6

5. (a) Explain the term 'Research' and Legal Research.

(b) What are the objectives of Legal Research?





(c) What are the techniques of Legal Research? 5+5+6

6. (a) Write the differences between Supreme and Sub-ordinate Legislation.

(b) What is Custom? Discuss the different types of Custom. 8+8

7. (a) Explain doctrinal and non-doctrinal research. 16

8. Distinguish between (any four) : [4x4]

- (a) Civil Law and Criminal Law.
- (b) Municipal Law and International Law.
- (c) Precedent and Legislation.
- (d) Public Law and Private Law.
- (e) Statutory Law and Non Statutory Law.
- (f) Substantive Law and Procedural Law.

9. Discuss the facts and judgement of any one of the following cases: [16x1]

- (a) D.K. Basu V. State of West Bengal (1997) ISCC417.
- (b) Bodhisawv. Gautam. Subhraray Chakraborty (1996) ISCC490.
- (c) Geeta Hariharan V. Reserve Bank of India (1999) SCL49.

10. Write short notes on any four of the following: [4x4]

- (a) Romano-Germanic system of Law.
- (b) Data.
- (c) Hypothesis.
- (d) Case study method of research.
- (e) Bibliography.



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## 2015 | LEGAL METHOD

**Answer any five Questions**

1. (a) Define 'Law' according to various jurists.  
(b) What is the purpose and function of Law 4+12
2. (a) Enumerate the various sources of Law. 8  
(b) Distinguish between 8  
i) precedent and legislation.  
ii) Custom and Usage
3. (a) What do you mean by Interpretation? 4  
(b) Explain the "Golden Rule" and "Mischief Rule" 12
4. (a) Define the term " Research" and "Legal Research"?4  
(b) What are the different kinds of Research?6  
(c) What are the differences between Doctrinal and Non  
Doctrinal Research? 6
5. Difference between  
(a) Civil and Criminal Law.  
(b) Substantive and Procedural Law.  
(c) Municipal and International Law.  
(d) Statutory and Non – Statutory Law
6. (a) Trace the evolution and development of the Common Law  
System?  
(b) Write a short note on Romano-Germanic family.10+6
7. Discuss facts, issues and judgement of any one of the following  
cases : 16  
(a) Air India vs. Nagesh Mirza AIR 1981 - SC 1829.  
(b) Vishaka vs. State of Rajasthan, AIR 1997 - SC 301.
8. (a) What is Data?  
(b) What is the sources of Data Collection?  
(c) Discuss the questionnaire method of Data Collection. 4+6+6



9. Write Short Notes (any four): [4x4]

- (a) Case Study.
- (b) Hypothesis.
- (c) Bibliography.
- (d) Use of Legal Library.
- (e) Different types of Legislation.

10. Discuss the importance of "Precedent" as a source of Law?

What is the applicability of the Doctrine of Precedent in India?

[12+4]



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