

**GUJARAT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY
GANDHINAGAR****Course: Research Methods and Legal Writing
Semester-I (Batch: 2017-18)****LL.M. End Semester Examination: November-2017****Date: 3rd November, 2017****Duration: 3 hours****Max. Marks: 70****Instructions:**

- Read the questions properly and write the answers in the given answer book.
- The respective marks for each question are indicated in-line.
- Do not write any thing on the question paper.
- Indicate correct question numbers in front of the answers.
- No questions or clarifications can be sought during the exam period, answer as it is, giving reason, if any.

Part-A**Marks**

- Q.1 One of the oldest legal systems in the world today is the Indian judicial system and it still incorporates certain features inherited from the British judicial system during their centuries of colonial rule in India. The Indian Constitution, which is the supreme law of the country, provides the framework of the present legal and judicial system of the country. India's judicial system follows a "common law system" along with the regulatory law and the statutory law. However, our judicial system faces certain inherent problems like '*no interaction with the society*'. It is very essential that the judiciary of any country should be an integral part of the society and its interactions with the society must be made regular and relevant. It is also seen that there is involvement of common citizens in judicial decision-making in several countries. However, in India, the Indian judicial system has no connection with the society, something which it had inherited from the British judicial set-up. But, things should have changed over the last 60-65 years. Therefore, there is an immediate need to restructure the entire judicial system to make it answerable to the needs of a democratic and progressive society. Against the afore-stated background, you are asked to prepare a research proposal stating the following: research title, aims, objectives and significance of the study. (10)
- Q.2 Based on the information/hypothetical situation given below, you are asked by GNLU to propose two different titles along with the scope of the study in the Intellectual Property (IP) sector. (10)
- Hypothetical Situation:*
- The Government of India is a signatory to several international trade agreements and has taken steps towards strengthening IP by enacting legislation that protects intellectual property rights. India has made positive statements on the need to introduce a stronger IP environment and has undertaken IP reforms especially in the pharmaceutical industry.
- Despite these promising actions, India has remained at the bottom of the Global Intellectual Property Center (GIPC) index rankings, which measures performance on IP protection and enforcement. India lags behind other nations in formal patent filings. Unlike in the United States, there is insufficient economic encouragement and incentives to innovate in the field of intellectual property in India. The GIPC cites other major causes for concerns like the troubling history and current practices of using compulsory

licensing for commercial and non-emergency situations, the challenging enforcement environment, and high levels of physical and online piracy in India. The joint efforts of the United States and India on IP are encouraging, but there is a plenty of room for improvement.

OR

Discuss the main factors to be considered in evaluating 'online sources' of legal information.

- Q.3 Book reviews typically evaluate recently-written works. They offer a brief description of the text's key points and often provide a short appraisal of the strengths and weaknesses of the work. Do you agree with this observation? Also, explain the standard practice for reviewing a book. (10)
- Q.4 Discuss the various points to be considered in case-law analysis. (05)

Part-B

- Q.5 A research proposal is a key part of the process where applicants must demonstrate the value of their research and their suitability for selection in any programme. In the light of this statement, prepare a research proposal from any theme of your choice. (15)
- Q.6 Answer **any two** of the following: (2x7= 14)
- (a) Develop a research design for the research objective: 'Impact of Skill India Initiative in the Promotion of Rural Entrepreneurship in Rajasthan'.
 - (b) Define research, and examine the importance and characteristics of scientific research.
 - (c) Discuss the sources of research problems. While selecting a research problem/topic, what are the considerations a researcher needs to keep in mind?
- Q.7 Write short note on **any two** of the following: (2x3= 06)
- (a) Different types of research
 - (b) Considerations in sampling design
 - (c) Measures of central tendency
 - (d) Probability sampling
