

2025

LL.M. 1st Semester Examination

MASTER OF LAWS

Paper : LLMC402X0

(Indian Constitutional Law : New Challenges I)

Full Marks : 50

Time : Two Hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers

in their own words as far as practicable.

Answer any *four* questions : 10×4=40

1. Critically examine how the rise of privatization affects the effectiveness of affirmative action under the Right to Equality, especially in education and employment.
2. "A private corporation performing essential public functions is alleged to have violated fundamental rights." Discuss whether such an entity can be brought within the ambit of 'State' under Article 12 in the era of liberalization, globalization, and privatization.
3. "Article 14 strikes a balance between formal equality and substantive equality." Analyse this statement in the light of reasonable classification and the Doctrine of Arbitrariness.

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4. Discuss the role and powers of the Election Commission of India as an autonomous constitutional body. To what extent has the Commission been successful in ensuring 'free and fair' elections in the face of modern challenges like the criminalization of politics and the misuse of digital media?
5. (a) "The Public Interest Litigation (PIL) mechanism has enabled the judiciary to extend its reach into previously unaddressed domains." Elucidate the utility of PIL in this context, supported by landmark judicial decisions.

(b) Examine the intricate nexus between politics, crime, and business in contemporary India, through relevant examples and judicial interventions. 5+5
6. Write short notes on any *two* of the following : $5 \times 2 = 10$
 - (a) Judicial Activism
 - (b) Cooperative federalism
 - (c) Independence of Judiciary

Internal Assessment : 10 marks
