

NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, DELHI

LL.M. (Professional), Semester-II (Batch of 2020)

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Paper: Substantive Criminal Law

Total Marks: 100

Instructions:

1. Answer **any five questions** from the followings.
 2. Maximum word limit 2500 words per question.
 3. No clarification shall be sought on the question paper.
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1. 'If causing death is to be regarded as the most serious harm, it would seem to follow that the most blameworthy form of homicide should result in the most severe sentences imposed by the courts'.
In the light of above, does the Indian law respond proportionately to the different degree of culpability manifested in cases where death is caused? **(20 Marks)**
2. "Nothing is an offence which is done in the exercise of right of private defense".
Analyse the statement and elaborate the limitations attached to such exercise of right of private defense under the Indian law. **(20 Marks)**
3. a.) The offence of 'extortion' is an intermediary offence between theft and robbery and is more akin to the offence of robbery. Examine the statement. **(15 Marks)**

b.) If the act of 'snatching' is to be made an offence, what in your opinion will be the most appropriate offence to cover such act of 'snatching'? **(5 Marks)**
4. Critically examine whether the element of 'prior meeting of mind' is a definitional requirement under section 34 of IPC to fasten group liability on the members of the group. Discuss the difference between section 34 and section 149 IPC. **(20 Marks)**
5. "Mens rea by necessary implication can be excluded from a statute only where it is absolutely clear that the implementation of the object of the statute would otherwise be defeated."
Explain with the help of decided cases. **(20 Marks)**
6. Explain what are excusable and justifiable defences. Discuss the law relating to insanity with the help of decided cases. **(20 Marks)**