

NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, DELHI
LL.M. Programme, I-Semester (Batch of 2019)
Repeat Examination, February - 2020
Paper: Legal Research Methodology

Time: 3:00 Hours

Total Marks: 50

Instructions:

1. Read the questions carefully and answer.
 2. No clarification shall be sought on the question paper.
 3. All questions carry equal marks.
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- Q.1** Law's competence to shape human behavior, group action, and functioning of public and private institutions in a democratic society embeds it in social process and social action. Since they have economic, social, political, historical, psychological, philosophical, statistical, and technical dimensions, and law is intertwined with them, understanding of legal issues requires probing into those related matters. Do you consider that most legal doctrines are rooted in these aspects and legal research should inevitably address them? Elaborate your comment with illustrations. **(10 Marks)**
- Q.2** Law is a science that acts, and should act, on the basis of facts. Since its aim is justice and welfare, which can be achieved only through proper perception of facts, its various processes norm making, implementation, adjudication, and impact assessment have to respond to facts. Empirical legal research is an evidence-based method of research that systematically carries out the task of unearthing, analyzing, and interpretation facts in relation to law and its functioning. Comment with the help of illustrations. **(10 Marks)**
- Q.3** Impact assessment of law, whether it is relating to expropriation of property, rural employment, poor girl child support, needs the help of numbers. All three organs of the government, law commission, and policy research bodies analyses policy issues and public action and assess their propriety in light of numbers. The Legal research as a social science, prefers to deal with the courses of social functioning as unfolded through numbers. Visiting the domain of numbers with an investigative attitude requires not only an acquaintance with numbers but also a skill of drawing inferences on the basis of digits. Thus, number is neither an anathema nor a luxury for the legal researcher, but a healthy staple diet of day today legal research. Comment with illustrations. **(10 Marks)**
- Q.4** The great merit and advantage of doctrinal legal research consist in its exposition of coherent legal doctrine which has the competence and drive for promoting justice. The fundamental facts that justify the legal proposition from the angel of justice, morality, economic need, social acceptance, political thrust and cultural ethos yearn from synthesis and build trust in law. Through doctrinal legal research, precise and transparent structure of legal principle is produced. Where the law is silent or has a gape, doctrinal legal research enables filling them through creative interpretation keeping in mind core legal ideologies. It helps in policy research on maiden areas, which the modernization process has not yet touched. Comment with the help of illustrations. **(10 Marks)**
- Q.5** Analyse and interpret the data in tables attached to theorize your findings of the given data. **(10 Marks)**