

NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, DELHI
LL.M. Programme, I-Semester (Batch of 2019)

Repeat Examination, February - 2020

Paper: Principles of Criminal Law and Contemporary Issues

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** The *actus reus* then is made up, generally but not invariably, of conduct and sometimes its consequences and also of the circumstance in which the conduct takes place in so far as they are relevant. Explain the significance of *actus reus* as an element of crime.
- Q.2** The general purpose of the criminal law is to forbid and prevent conduct that unjustifiably and inexcusably inflicts or threatens substantial harm to individual or public interests. Critically evaluate the statement in the light of various theories of criminalisation.
- Q.3** Where the law requires intention or recklessness with respect to some element in the *actus reus*, a mistake which precludes both state of mind will excuse. Explain and describe all the essentials conditions that need to be proved before defence of mistake of fact can be successfully raised.
- Q.4** The problem of causation has given rise to much difficulty and controversy in the tort law as compared to criminal law. The reason probably is that a man will usually be held criminally liable only for such consequences of his conduct as he foresaw to be likely to occur. Explain.
- Q.5** Culpable homicide is a diverse crime, covering all unlawful homicides including offence of murder. Describe with the help of decided cases.