

NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY DELHI

LL.M., Semester-I (Batch of 2023)

End-Semester Examinations, November - 2023

Paper: Research Methodology

Time: 3 Hour

Total Marks: 50

Instructions:

1. All questions are compulsory.
 2. Read each of them carefully before answering.
 3. No clarification shall be sought on the question paper.
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Q.1 “The theoretical developments in the area of socio-legal research require consideration of a number of major areas of which social structure and law” is one. Two others are “social control and law” “social change and law”. A conceptual sociology of law requires that these three areas of legal reality be developed and interrelated, in the context of social reality.” Explain these areas based on the viewpoints of Weber and Durkheim, Ehrlich and Parsons. Also, whether you find a possibility of interdependency between these three areas in the study of any legal subject, Explain with the help of example.

(10 Marks)

Q.2 “Law, considered as a science, consists of certain principles or doctrines. Each of these doctrines has arrived at its present state by slow degrees; in other words, it is a growth, extending in many cases through centuries. To have such a mastery of these as to be able to apply them with constant facility and certainty to the ever-tangled skein of human affairs, is what constitutes a true lawyer; and hence to acquire that mastery should be the business of every earnest student of law” - **Christopher Langdell**

In the light of the above statement explain how the Langdellian approach on black letter legal research has transformed over the years? And how does this transformation enable legal researchers to address social issues?

(10 Marks)

Q.3 What is the significance of comparative legal research as a methodology? What are the essential criteria that should be considered when choosing the countries that you want to compare?

(10 marks)

Q.4 What is the difference between the aims of a research and the objectives of a research and what relationship do objectives have with research questions and research scheme? Explain with examples.

(10 Marks)

Q.5 What is Literature Review? How important is it for any research?

(10 Marks)