

NALSAR University of Law
PhD Entrance Examination
Model Question Paper
PhD Admissions
All Questions are Mandatory
Duration: 2 hours

Part One

(MCQs carry negative marking. Every wrong answer will be penalized with a -1 marks)

MCQ (20 x 2 Marks)

Specimen questions:

I. Legal positivism is:

- i. A school in legal philosophy that believes that law must be studied within its own disciplinary boundaries
- ii. A school in legal philosophy that provides a positive critique of law
- iii. It's a belief that law is a normative science that explores what ought to be
- iv. None of the above

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20. In recent years the term 'Gig worker' has been legally recognized. It means:

- v. A daily wage-earning contract worker
- vi. A self-employed consultant
- vii. Those who engage with non-traditional and non-formal forms of employment that are often based on flexible short-term working
- viii. None of the above

Part Two

2. Describe the concept of legal doctrine and its many essential features. Whether in your view the concept is universally uniform or will it require contextual redefinition? And, why?

(500 words, 20 Marks)

3. The caseload of Indian courts has been debated for over five decades. However, instead of witnessing any reduction in the caseload at courts or even containing their increase, the number of cases pending before courts at all three levels has consistently increased over the years. You are curious to understand various causes that contribute to the case pendency issue. You are asked to speculate what are the critical issues to meaningfully understand the phenomenon, your approach to design the study, the main objectives of the study, kinds of data/evidence needed for the study, and a description of the methodology.

OR

Describe the issue/theme that you have been working on for the PhD, provide a detailed account of your familiarity with the literature on the issue/theme, your tentative view on the researchable issues and your speculations on the appropriate methodology.

(1000 words, 40 Marks)