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LL.M. DEGREE EXAMINATION, OCTOBER 2025

Second Semester

Branch II—Criminal Law

Course 1—LW020201—GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF CRIMINAL LAW

(2024 Admissions—Regular and 2021—2023 Admissions—Supplementary)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Marks : 70

*Answer any **five** questions.*

All questions carry equal marks.

1. Explain the nature and scope of Criminal Law. Write down the scope for comparative learning of Indian and English system of Criminal Law.
2. General Principles of Criminal Liability : Mens rea and Actus reus, explain. Are there any exceptions to the doctrine of mens rea in Criminal Jurisprudence ? How is mens rea determined ?
3. Criminal Law punishes not only acts amounting to offences but also takes notice of attempts to commit such wrongful acts. Define attempt with the help of relevant penal provisions and judicial pronouncements then differentiate it from preparation.
4. “Law recognizes that ‘mistake’ must be in good faith”. In this backdrop, explain the defence of ‘mistake’ contained under the general exceptions of the Penal Code.
5. Critically analyse the judicial decisions on criminalizing negligence especially in the instances of medical negligence and the appreciation of the defences set up by the medical profession.
6. In *Surendra Mishra v. State of Jharkhand*, Supreme Court decided “Section 84 of IPC only applies to legal insanity, not medical insanity and that a person suffering from a mental disease is not immune from criminal culpability”. In the light of the judgment write about insanity and the test for determining the degree of insanity to be qualified for the application of general defense and how judiciary has reposed confidence in these tests ?
7. Define corporate criminal liability and write about how judiciary fasters criminal liability on corporation on a critical note discussing recent case laws.
8. Answer the following :
 - (a) Abetment ; and
 - (b) Conspiracy.

(5 × 14 = 70)

