All India Bar Examination - XI [Set Code - B] with Solutions

Time Allowed : 3 Hours	Maximum Marks : 100	Total Questions : 100

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1. Cheque bouncing cases charged U/s. 138 of Negotiable Instruments Act is trialed by

(A) Bank Tribunal
(B) Consumer Forum
(C) Magistrate Court
(D) Sessions Court

Correct Answer: (C) Magistrate Court

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks about the appropriate judicial forum for trying a case of a bounced cheque under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881. This section makes the dishonour of a cheque a criminal offence.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, classifies the dishonour of a cheque due to insufficient funds as a criminal offence.
The jurisdiction for trying such offences is specified in Section 142 of the same Act. It states that, notwithstanding anything in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (CrPC), no court inferior to that of a Metropolitan Magistrate or a Judicial Magistrate of the First Class shall try any offence punishable under Section 138.
- **Bank Tribunal (A)** or Debt Recovery Tribunal (DRT) deals with civil matters of debt recovery for banks, not criminal cases.
- **Consumer Forum (B)** adjudicates disputes related to consumer goods and services, which is a civil remedy and distinct from the criminal proceedings under Section 138.
- **Sessions Court (D)** is a higher criminal court that tries more serious offences and hears appeals from the Magistrate's Court. The initial trial for a Section 138 case is not within its original jurisdiction.
Therefore, the Magistrate's Court is the correct trial court for cheque bouncing cases.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Based on the provisions of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, cases under Section 138 are trialed by the Magistrate Court.

Quick Tip

Remember that a cheque bounce case under Section 138 is a criminal offense. This helps eliminate civil forums like the Consumer Forum and Bank Tribunal. The specific trial court is the Judicial Magistrate of First Class (JMFC) or Metropolitan Magistrate.

2. Under Section 59 to 60 of Indian Evidence Act the 'oral statement' means

(A) All statements made before the Court by the witness
(B) All statements made before the police by the accused
(C) All statements of facts which a witness heard to say
(D) All of the above

Correct Answer: (A) All statements made before the Court by the witness

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question seeks the definition of 'oral evidence' as established by the Indian Evidence Act, 1872.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Section 3 of the Indian Evidence Act defines "Evidence." Under this section, "oral evidence" is defined as "all statements which the Court permits or requires to be made before it by witnesses, in relation to matters of fact under inquiry."
Section 59 specifies that all facts, except for the contents of documents or electronic records, may be proved by oral evidence.
Section 60 requires that oral evidence must be direct (i.e., not hearsay).
- **Option (A)** perfectly matches the definition provided in Section 3. Oral evidence is the testimony given by a witness in court.
- **Option (B)** is incorrect. Statements made by an accused to the police are generally inadmissible as evidence under the Evidence Act.
- **Option (C)** describes hearsay evidence ("what a witness heard someone else say"), which is generally inadmissible under Section 60.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The term 'oral statement' as evidence refers to statements made by a witness before the Court.

Quick Tip

The crucial element in the legal definition of oral evidence is that it must be a statement made "before the Court." This distinguishes admissible testimony from out-of-court statements.

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3. Under the Evidence Act, 'Court' includes

(A) All Judges
(B) All Magistrates
(C) All Arbitrators

(D) (a) and (b)

Correct Answer: (D) (a) and (b)

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
This question asks for the definition of 'Court' as provided in the interpretation clause of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Section 3 of the Indian Evidence Act defines various terms. The definition of 'Court' is given as:
"'Court' includes all Judges and Magistrates, and all persons, except arbitrators, legally authorized to take evidence."
This definition is inclusive, meaning it covers all Judges (A) and all Magistrates (B). However, it explicitly excludes arbitrators (C).
Therefore, the correct answer is the one that includes both Judges and Magistrates.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The definition of 'Court' under the Evidence Act includes all Judges and all Magistrates, but excludes arbitrators. Thus, option (D) is the correct choice.

Quick Tip

A key point frequently tested from Section 3 of the Evidence Act is the explicit exclusion of "arbitrators" from the definition of a "Court." Memorize this exception.

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4. Admissibility of contents of electronic records may be proved in accordance with the provisions

(A) Under Section 61 of Indian Evidence Act
(B) Under Section 65 of Indian Evidence Act
(C) Under Section 65-B of Indian Evidence Act
(D) None of the above

Correct Answer: (C) Under Section 65-B of Indian Evidence Act

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks for the specific legal provision within the Indian Evidence Act, 1872, that

governs the admissibility of electronic records as evidence.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The admissibility of electronic evidence was introduced into the Evidence Act via the Information Technology Act, 2000.
- **Section 61** provides a general rule that the contents of documents can be proved by primary or secondary evidence.
- **Section 65-A** acts as an introductory provision, stating that the contents of electronic records may be proved in accordance with the provisions of Section 65-B.
- **Section 65-B** is the specific and detailed provision that lays down the conditions for the admissibility of electronic records. It deems a computer output to be a document and makes it admissible as evidence without further proof or production of the original, provided that the conditions mentioned in Section 65-B(2) are satisfied. A certificate under Section 65-B(4) is also typically required.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The admissibility of electronic records is specifically proved in accordance with the special provisions of Section 65-B of the Indian Evidence Act.

Quick Tip

When a question concerns the admissibility of electronic or computer-generated evidence, Section 65-B is almost always the answer. It's the cornerstone of digital evidence law in India.

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5. Which is not a public record as per the provisions of Indian Evidence Act

(A) Documents forming the acts or records of the sovereign authority
(B) Documents forming the acts or records of official bodies, tribunals
(C) Documents and correspondence from advocate and Notary office
(D) Documents and circulars from University of Delhi

Correct Answer: (C) Documents and correspondence from advocate and Notary office

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question requires identifying which option does not qualify as a "public document" under Section 74 of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Section 74 of the Indian Evidence Act defines public documents. They are:
1. Documents forming the acts, or records of the acts— (i) of the sovereign authority, (ii) of official bodies and tribunals, and (iii) of public officers, legislative, judicial and executive.

2. Public records kept in any State of private documents.

Let's evaluate the options:
- **(A) and (B)** are explicitly listed as public documents in Section 74.
- **(D) Documents and circulars from University of Delhi**, a public university established by an Act of Parliament, are records of an official body and thus are public documents.
- **(C) Documents and correspondence from an advocate and Notary office** are generally private. An advocate's office is a private practice. Correspondence between a lawyer and client is privileged communication. While a Notary Public is a public officer, their internal office correspondence is private, distinct from the official acts they notarize and the records they are required to maintain publicly.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Documents and correspondence from an advocate and Notary office are private documents, not public records.

Quick Tip

A simple test for a public document is whether it originates from a public office in its official capacity and is accessible to the public. Private correspondence, even from a public officer's office, is not a public document.

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6. Section 67 of Motor Vehicle Act 1988 provides

(A) Possession of driving licence while driving
(B) Possession of Insurance certificate and PUC certificate in the vehicle
(C) Revoking driving licence if drunk driving is detected
(D) State government's power to control the road transport

Correct Answer: (D) State government's power to control the road transport

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks to identify the subject matter of Section 67 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Section 67 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, is titled "Power of State Government to control road transport." This section explicitly grants the State Government the authority to issue directions to the State and Regional Transport Authorities. These directions can relate to various aspects of road transport, including the fixing of fares and freights for different types of transport vehicles.
- Option (A) is covered under Section 130.
- Option (B) is covered under sections like 130 and 147.

- Option (C) is dealt with under Sections 19, 20 (disqualification) and Section 185 (offense of drunk driving).
Therefore, option (D) is the correct description of Section 67.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Section 67 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, provides for the State government's power to control road transport.

Quick Tip

When studying bare acts, pay attention to the headings of chapters and sections. Section 67 falls within Chapter V, titled "Control of Transport Vehicles," which gives a strong clue about its contents.

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7. The term 'Tort' is a

(A) Latin Word
(B) French Word
(C) English word
(D) Italian word

Correct Answer: (A) Latin Word

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks about the etymological origin of the legal term 'Tort'.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The word 'Tort' is derived from the Latin term *tortum*, which means 'to twist' or 'crooked'. It signifies a civil wrong, which is a 'twisted' or wrongful conduct.
The term entered the English legal system through Norman French, where 'tort' means 'wrong'. However, the ultimate root of the word is Latin. Therefore, the most accurate answer regarding its origin is Latin.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The term 'Tort' originates from the Latin word *tortum*.

Quick Tip

Many English legal terms have Latin roots. For 'Tort', associate the Latin root 'tortum' (twisted) with the concept of a civil wrong being a deviation from straight or lawful conduct.

8. In Tort, what is 'vicarious liability'?

(A) A person is generally liable for his own wrongful act
(B) A person is liable for the wrongful act done by other person
(C) A person is liable for the wrongful act in his absence
(D) None of the above

Correct Answer: (B) A person is liable for the wrongful act done by other person

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks for the definition of the legal doctrine of 'vicarious liability' within the Law of Torts.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Vicarious liability is a legal principle where one person is held strictly liable for the torts committed by another. It is an exception to the general rule that a person is only liable for their own wrongful acts. This liability is not based on any fault of the person held liable, but on their relationship with the tortfeasor.
Key examples include:
- **Master-Servant:** An employer is liable for torts committed by their employee in the course of employment.
- **Principal-Agent:** A principal is liable for the torts of their agent performed within the scope of authority.
- **Partners:** Partners are liable for each other's torts committed in the firm's business.
Option (B) accurately describes this concept.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Vicarious liability is the legal responsibility of one person for the wrongful acts of another.

Quick Tip

Think of "vicarious" as "acting through another." The most common example is an employer being liable for a negligent driver (employee). This helps solidify the concept of liability for another's actions.

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9. Under Section 2 (1) (f) of Consumer Protection Act 1986, 'defect' is meant by any fault, imperfection or shortcomings in _____ in relation to the goods

(A) Quality and Quantity
(B) Potency

(C) Purity or standard
(D) All of the above

Correct Answer: (D) All of the above

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks to complete the definition of 'defect' with respect to goods, as given in the Consumer Protection Act, 1986.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Section 2(1)(f) of the Consumer Protection Act, 1986, provides the definition of 'defect'. It states:
"'defect' means any fault, imperfection or shortcoming in the **quality, quantity, potency, purity or standard** which is required to be maintained by or under any law for the time being in force or under any contract, express or implied, or as is claimed by the trader in any manner whatsoever in relation to any goods;"
This definition explicitly includes all the terms mentioned in options (A), (B), and (C).

Step 3: Final Answer:
The definition of 'defect' encompasses shortcomings in quality, quantity, potency, purity, and standard. Therefore, 'All of the above' is the correct answer.

Quick Tip

In consumer law, 'defect' applies to goods, while 'deficiency' applies to services. The definition of defect is very broad and covers almost any aspect of the product's composition and standard.

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10. Which of the following falls under the categories of Act of God

(A) Storm and cyclone
(B) Extra ordinary rainfall or flood
(C) Lightning and thunder
(D) All of the above

Correct Answer: (D) All of the above

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks to identify which of the given phenomena are considered an "Act of God" in

legal terms. An Act of God (or *vis major*) is a defense in tort law and contract law. It refers to a natural catastrophe or event that is not caused by human action and could not have been foreseen or prevented by reasonable care or foresight.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
- **(A) Storm and cyclone:** These are powerful, natural weather events that are beyond human control. They are classic examples of an Act of God.
- **(B) Extra ordinary rainfall or flood:** While normal rainfall is foreseeable, an unprecedented or extraordinary level of rain or a resulting flood that could not be reasonably anticipated is considered an Act of God.
- **(C) Lightning and thunder:** These are natural electrical phenomena in the atmosphere, entirely independent of human intervention, and are also considered Acts of God.
Since all the options listed are natural, unpredictable, and uncontrollable events, they all fall under the category of an Act of God.

Step 3: Final Answer:
All the given options—Storm and cyclone, Extra ordinary rainfall or flood, and Lightning and thunder—are considered Acts of God.

Quick Tip

The key elements for the "Act of God" defense are (1) it must be a natural event, and (2) it must be extraordinary and not something that could be reasonably foreseen and guarded against.

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11. Income Tax Act was enacted in

(A) 1951
(B) 1961
(C) 1971
(D) None of the above

Correct Answer: (B) 1961

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks for the year of enactment of the current Income Tax Act in India.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The primary legislation governing the levy of income tax in India is the Income Tax Act, 1961. This Act was enacted by the Parliament of India in 1961 and it came into force on 1st April 1962. It replaced the Indian Income-tax Act, 1922.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The Income Tax Act was enacted in the year 1961.

Quick Tip

For major statutes, it is essential to remember their full name, which almost always includes the year of enactment. The "Income Tax Act, 1961" is a fundamental piece of legislation for any law or commerce student to know.

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12. 'Income' is defined under Section 24 of the Income Tax Act, as

(A) Profits and gains
(B) Dividend
(C) Voluntary contribution received by a Trust for charitable Purpose
(D) All of the above

Correct Answer: (D) All of the above

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks about the components included in the definition of 'income' under the Income Tax Act, 1961. Note: The question incorrectly states Section 24; the definition of 'income' is in Section 2(24).

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Section 2(24) of the Income Tax Act, 1961, provides an inclusive, not exhaustive, definition of 'income'. It lists various items that are considered income. Let's check the options against this definition:
- **(A) Profits and gains:** This is explicitly included under Section 2(24)(i). It is one of the primary heads of income.
- **(B) Dividend:** This is explicitly included under Section 2(24)(ii).
- **(C) Voluntary contribution received by a Trust for charitable Purpose:** This is explicitly included under Section 2(24)(iia).
Since the definition of income in Section 2(24) includes all the items listed in options (A), (B), and (C), the correct answer is 'All of the above'.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The definition of 'income' under the Income Tax Act includes profits and gains, dividends, and voluntary contributions to a trust, among many other things.

Quick Tip

The definition of 'income' in Section 2(24) of the Income Tax Act is inclusive ("income includes..."). This means it's a very wide definition, and for multiple-choice questions, if several common forms of receipts are listed, 'All of the above' is often the correct answer.

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13. Provisions of Section 80 of CPC are binding on

(A) The High Court
(B) The Court of civil judge
(C) The district judge
(D) All of the above

Correct Answer: (D) All of the above

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks which courts are bound by the provisions of Section 80 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (CPC).

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Section 80 of the CPC mandates that a statutory notice must be served to the government or a public officer before a suit can be instituted against them in their official capacity. This is a mandatory procedural requirement.
The Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, governs the procedure of all civil courts in India. This includes the entire hierarchy of civil courts, from the court of a Civil Judge (Junior/Senior Division) to the District Court and the High Court (in its original civil jurisdiction and appellate jurisdiction).
Since all civil courts are bound to follow the procedures laid down in the CPC, the requirements of Section 80 are binding on all of them. No court can waive this mandatory requirement.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The provisions of Section 80 of the CPC are binding on all civil courts, including the High Court, the District Judge's court, and the Civil Judge's court.

Quick Tip

Unless specified otherwise, the provisions of the Code of Civil Procedure (CPC) apply to the entire hierarchy of civil courts in India. Therefore, if a question asks whether a procedural rule from the CPC binds different levels of courts, the answer is usually 'All of the above'.

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14. Temporary Injunction can be granted

(A) Suo moto
(B) Ex parte
(C) Hearing both parties
(D) None of the above

Correct Answer: (B) Ex parte

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks about the manner in which a temporary injunction can be granted by a court under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
A temporary injunction is a provisional relief granted by the court to preserve the subject matter of a suit until the final disposal of the case. The rules for this are primarily in Order XXXIX of the CPC.
- **(C) Hearing both parties:** This is the standard procedure. The court issues a notice to the opposite party and hears their arguments before deciding on the injunction application. This is known as an *ad interim* injunction.
- **(B) Ex parte:** Under Order XXXIX, Rule 3, the court has the power to grant an injunction without giving notice to the opposite party if it appears that the object of granting the injunction would be defeated by the delay. This is called an *ex parte* ad-interim injunction.
- **(A) Suo moto:** A court does not generally grant an injunction on its own motion (*suo moto*). It is a relief that must be sought by a party to the suit.
The question asks how an injunction "can be granted." It can be granted after hearing both parties, and it can also be granted *ex parte*. Given the options, and the fact that an *ex parte* order is a specific and significant power, it is a valid way an injunction can be granted. Since both (B) and (C) are technically correct methods, such a question might be considered ambiguous. However, in legal exams, 'Ex parte' is often highlighted as a distinct power of the court. Without an option like "Both B and C," choosing the most specific power mentioned, 'Ex parte', is a reasonable interpretation.

Step 3: Final Answer:
A temporary injunction can be granted *ex parte* (without hearing the other side) in cases of urgency.

Quick Tip

Remember that courts prefer to hear both sides before passing any order (the principle of *audi alteram partem*). Granting an *ex parte* injunction is an exception used only in urgent situations to prevent irreparable harm.

15. Right to Appeal is a

(A) Natural Right
(B) Inherent right
(C) Statutory right
(D) Delegated right

Correct Answer: (C) Statutory right

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks about the nature of the "Right to Appeal" in the Indian legal system.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
In law, rights can be categorized based on their source.
- **Natural Right (A):** A right believed to be inherent to human beings, not dependent on laws or customs (e.g., right to life). The right to appeal is not a natural right.
- **Inherent right (B):** While courts may have inherent powers (like under Section 151 of CPC), a litigant's right to appeal is not considered inherent. One cannot simply appeal a decision because they disagree with it; there must be a legal basis.
- **Statutory right (C):** This is a right created by a law (a statute). The right to appeal is a creature of statute. An appeal can only be filed if a specific law (like the CPC, CrPC, or a special Act) explicitly provides for it. If the statute does not grant a right of appeal, none exists.
- **Delegated right (D):** This term is not standard legal terminology for classifying a litigant's rights.
The Supreme Court of India has repeatedly held that the right to appeal is not a natural or inherent right but a substantive statutory right.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The Right to Appeal is a statutory right.

Quick Tip

A core principle of procedural law is: "An appeal is a creature of statute." This means you must be able to point to a specific section in a law that allows you to appeal a particular order or decree.

16. The last amendment to the Indian Succession Act was made in

(A) 2000
(B) 2001
(C) 2002
(D) 2004

Correct Answer: (C) 2002

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks for the year of the last significant amendment to the Indian Succession Act, 1925, among the given options, relevant up to the exam date (2017).

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The Indian Succession Act, 1925, has been amended several times. A notable amendment before the 2017 exam was the **Indian Succession (Amendment) Act, 2002**.
This amendment was significant because it amended Section 213 of the Act. Previously, Section 213 made it mandatory for Indian Christians to probate a will. The 2002 amendment removed this mandatory requirement, bringing them on par with other communities for whom probating a will is not always compulsory.
Looking at the options provided, the year 2002 is listed. There were no other major amendments in the other years listed that are as widely recognized.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Among the given options, the significant amendment to the Indian Succession Act was made in 2002.

Quick Tip

For questions about amendments, focus on landmark changes. The 2002 amendment to the Indian Succession Act regarding the probate of wills for Indian Christians is a key point to remember.

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17. Which is the correct statement:

(A) There can be a will without a codicil
(B) There can be a codicil without a will
(C) Every will has a codicil
(D) A codicil proceeds a will

Correct Answer: (A) There can be a will without a codicil

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question tests the understanding of the relationship between a 'Will' and a 'Codicil' as defined in the Indian Succession Act, 1925.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
- A **Will** is a legal declaration of the intention of a testator with respect to his property, which he desires to be carried into effect after his death.
- A **Codicil** is an instrument made in relation to a Will, explaining, altering or adding to its dispositions, and is deemed to be a part of the Will.

Let's analyze the statements:
- **(A) There can be a will without a codicil:** This is correct. A person can make a will and never alter it. A codicil is optional, used only if a change is needed. Most wills exist without any codicils.
- **(B) There can be a codicil without a will:** This is incorrect. By its very definition, a codicil is an addition or amendment to an existing will. It cannot exist independently.
- **(C) Every will has a codicil:** This is incorrect. As stated above, a codicil is an optional addition, not a mandatory part of every will.
- **(D) A codicil proceeds a will:** This is incorrect. The word here should be "precedes". A codicil is executed after a will to modify it. It does not come before the will.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The only correct statement is that a will can exist without a codicil.

Quick Tip

Think of a Will as the main document and a Codicil as an appendix or an addendum. You can have the main document without an appendix, but you cannot have an appendix without the main document.

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18. As per Section 63 of Indian Succession Act, a Will should be attested by

(A) By two witnesses
(B) By two or more witnesses
(C) Only one witness who is not a relative of testator
(D) None of the above

Correct Answer: (B) By two or more witnesses

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks about the requirement for the attestation of a Will as per Section 63 of the

Indian Succession Act, 1925.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Section 63 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925, lays down the rules for the execution of unprivileged Wills. Section 63(c) deals with attestation and states:
"The will shall be attested by **two or more witnesses**, each of whom has seen the testator sign or affix his mark to the will or has seen some other person sign the will in the presence and by the direction of the testator, or has received from the testator a personal acknowledgment of his signature or mark, or of the signature of such other person; and each of the witnesses shall sign the will in the presence of the testator, but it shall not be necessary that more than one witness be present at the same time, and no particular form of attestation shall be necessary."
The key phrase is "two or more witnesses." This means a minimum of two witnesses is required, but more than two are also permissible.
- Option (A) "By two witnesses" is incomplete as it misses the "or more" part.
- Option (B) "By two or more witnesses" is the exact requirement stated in the section.
- Option (C) is incorrect. The law requires at least two witnesses, and there is no general prohibition on relatives being witnesses (though it might be inadvisable if they are beneficiaries).

Step 3: Final Answer:
According to Section 63, a Will must be attested by two or more witnesses.

Quick Tip

For attestation requirements, always remember the "two or more" rule for Wills under the Indian Succession Act. This is a strict and fundamental requirement for a Will's validity.

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19. 'Iddat' under Mohammadan law refers to

(A) A gift made on the occasion of marriage
(B) The right of the husband to divorce his wife
(C) Attaining of puberty
(D) None of the above

Correct Answer: (D) None of the above

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks for the definition of 'Iddat' (or Iddah) in Muslim personal law.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
'Iddat' is a period of waiting or seclusion that a Muslim woman must observe after the dissolution of her marriage, either by divorce or the death of her husband. During this period, she

is not allowed to remarry.
The purpose of Iddat is primarily to ascertain whether the woman is pregnant, so as to avoid confusion of paternity of the child. It is also considered a period of mourning, especially in the case of the husband's death.
Let's analyze the options:
- (A) A gift made on the occasion of marriage is 'Hiba' or simply a gift. The obligatory payment from husband to wife is 'Mahr' or dower.
- (B) The right of the husband to divorce his wife is 'Talaq'.
- (C) Attaining of puberty is 'Bulugh'.
None of the given options correctly defines Iddat.

Step 3: Final Answer:
'Iddat' is the waiting period a woman observes after the termination of her marriage. Since this definition is not among the options, 'None of the above' is the correct answer.

Quick Tip

In Muslim Law, it is important to know the specific terminology. Associate 'Iddat' with 'waiting period', 'Talaq' with 'divorce', 'Mahr' with 'dower', and 'Hiba' with 'gift'.

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20. Under the Christian Marriage Act the marriage Registrar for any district is appointed by

(A) State government
(B) The Central government
(C) The Clergyman of the Church
(D) High Court judges

Correct Answer: (A) State government

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks about the appointing authority for a Marriage Registrar for a district under the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Part II of the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872, deals with the "Time and Place at which Marriages may be solemnized." Section 7 of this Act states:
"The State Government may appoint one or more Christians, either by name or as holding any office for the time being, to be the Marriage Registrar or Marriage Registrars for any district subject to its administration."
This provision clearly vests the power of appointment of the Marriage Registrar in the State Government. The other options are incorrect as the Central Government, Clergy, or High Court

do not have this specific authority under the Act.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The State Government is the authority responsible for appointing the Marriage Registrar under the Christian Marriage Act, 1872.

Quick Tip

Administrative appointments within a state, such as registrars for marriage, birth, or property, are typically handled by the State Government. This general principle can help you answer such questions even if you don't recall the specific section.

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21. Which one is not a fundamental right?

(A) Right to Freedom of Assembly
(B) Right to Property
(C) Right to equality
(D) Right to freedom of speech and Expression

Correct Answer: (B) Right to Property

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks to identify which of the given options is no longer a Fundamental Right under the Constitution of India.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Fundamental Rights are enshrined in Part III of the Constitution of India (Articles 12 to 35).
- **(A) Right to Freedom of Assembly:** This is a Fundamental Right guaranteed under Article 19(1)(b).
- **(C) Right to equality:** This is a Fundamental Right guaranteed under Articles 14 to 18.
- **(D) Right to freedom of speech and Expression:** This is a Fundamental Right guaranteed under Article 19(1)(a).
- **(B) Right to Property:** This was originally a Fundamental Right under Article 19(1)(f) and Article 31. However, the **44th Amendment Act, 1978**, removed the Right to Property from the list of Fundamental Rights. It was made a constitutional/legal right under **Article 300-A** in Part XII of the Constitution. This means the state can deprive a person of their property but only by the authority of law. It is no longer a 'fundamental' right.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The Right to Property is not a Fundamental Right; it is a constitutional right.

Quick Tip

The removal of the Right to Property from Fundamental Rights by the 44th Amendment is a landmark event in Indian constitutional history and a very frequently asked question in competitive exams. Remember the amendment year (1978) and the new article (300-A).

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22. In Maneka Gandhi case it was observed that

(A) Confiscation of Passport was correct
(B) Right to go abroad is not within the meaning of Article 21
(C) Right to go abroad is within the ambit of Article 19 (1) (A) but the confiscation of Passport is not accordance to the law
(D) Right to go abroad is part of the Right to Life and Personal Liberty under Article 21

Correct Answer: (D) Right to go abroad is part of the Right to Life and Personal Liberty under Article 21

Solution:
Note: The provided image cuts off option (D). A logical option (D) has been added based on the landmark judgment.

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks for the key principle or observation laid down by the Supreme Court in the landmark case of *Maneka Gandhi v. Union of India* (1978).

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The case of *Maneka Gandhi v. Union of India* is a watershed moment in Indian constitutional law. The petitioner's passport was impounded by the government 'in public interest' without giving her a reason or a hearing. The Supreme Court delivered a transformative judgment:
- It held that the 'procedure established by law' under Article 21 must be fair, just, and reasonable, and not arbitrary or fanciful. This introduced the American concept of 'procedural due process' into Article 21.
- It gave a wide interpretation to 'personal liberty' under Article 21, ruling that it includes a variety of rights, and one among them is the **right to travel abroad**.
- It established a relationship between Articles 14, 19, and 21 (the 'golden triangle'), stating that any law affecting personal liberty must also pass the test of reasonableness under Article 19 and equality under Article 14.
Based on this, let's analyze the options:
- (A) is incorrect. The court found the confiscation arbitrary.
- (B) is incorrect. The court explicitly held the opposite.
- (C) is partially correct in its second half but incorrect in placing the right under Article 19(1)(a). The court linked it primarily to Article 21.
- (D) (Reconstructed) is the most accurate summary of the core finding regarding the right to travel abroad. The court held that the right to go abroad is an essential part of 'personal

liberty' under Article 21.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The Supreme Court in the Maneka Gandhi case observed that the Right to go abroad is part of the Right to Life and Personal Liberty under Article 21.

Quick Tip

Remember the Maneka Gandhi case for three main things: 1) Widening the scope of Article 21 (Right to go abroad), 2) Introducing the 'due process' doctrine of fairness, justice, and reasonableness into procedure, and 3) Interlinking Articles 14, 19, and 21 (the golden triangle).

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23. Reasonable restrictions can be imposed on the right of free movement

(A) In the interest of general public
(B) In the interest of political leaders
(C) In the interest of women safety
(D) All of the above

Correct Answer: (A) In the interest of general public

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks about the grounds on which reasonable restrictions can be imposed on the fundamental right to freedom of movement under the Indian Constitution.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The right to freedom of movement is guaranteed under Article 19(1)(d) (to move freely throughout the territory of India) and Article 19(1)(e) (to reside and settle in any part of the territory of India).
However, this right is not absolute. Article 19(5) lays down the grounds for imposing reasonable restrictions. It states:
"Nothing in sub-clauses (d) and (e) of the said clause shall affect the operation of any existing law in so far as it imposes, or prevent the State from making any law imposing, reasonable restrictions on the exercise of any of the rights conferred by the said sub-clauses either in the **interests of the general public** or for the **protection of the interests of any Scheduled Tribe**."
- **(A) In the interest of general public:** This is an explicit ground mentioned in Article 19(5).
- **(B) In the interest of political leaders:** This is not a constitutionally valid ground for restricting fundamental rights.

- **(C) In the interest of women safety:** While this is a very important concern, it falls under the broader category of "in the interest of the general public." The specific constitutional phrase is what is required. For example, restricting movement in a riot-prone area to protect everyone (including women) would be a restriction in the interest of the general public.
Therefore, the broadest and most accurate constitutional ground among the options is 'In the interest of general public'.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Reasonable restrictions can be imposed on the right of free movement in the interest of the general public.

Quick Tip

When answering questions on fundamental rights, always recall the specific grounds for restriction mentioned in the Constitution itself (e.g., in Articles 19(2) to 19(6)). The phrase "interests of the general public" is a common ground for restricting several rights under Article 19.

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24. Which of the following can claim Article 19 of Constitution

(A) A company
(B) A corporation
(C) Only citizens
(D) Citizens and aliens

Correct Answer: (C) Only citizens

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks who is entitled to claim the fundamental rights guaranteed under Article 19 of the Constitution of India.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Article 19(1) of the Constitution begins with the words: "**All citizens shall have the right**...". This phrasing makes it explicit that the six freedoms guaranteed under Article 19 (freedom of speech and expression, assembly, association, movement, residence, and profession) are available only to the citizens of India.
- **(D) Citizens and aliens:** This is incorrect. Foreigners (aliens) are not entitled to the rights under Article 19, although they are entitled to other fundamental rights like the Right to Life (Article 21) and Right to Equality (Article 14).
- **(A) A company and (B) A corporation:** The Supreme Court has held in cases like *State Trading Corporation of India Ltd. v. CTO* that a corporation or a company is a legal person but not a 'citizen' for the purposes of Article 19. Therefore, a company cannot directly claim

these rights, though its shareholders (if they are citizens) can.
Thus, the rights under Article 19 are exclusively for citizens.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Only citizens of India can claim the rights guaranteed under Article 19 of the Constitution.

Quick Tip

It is crucial to distinguish between fundamental rights available to everyone (e.g., Arts 14, 21) and those available only to citizens (e.g., Arts 15, 16, 19). The text of the Article itself often provides the clue (e.g., "All citizens shall have...").

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25. Clause (3) of Article 20 of the Indian Constitution says that no accused person shall be compelled to be

(A) An accused
(B) A witness
(C) A witness against himself
(D) Hostile witness

Correct Answer: (C) A witness against himself

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks for the content of Article 20(3) of the Indian Constitution, which provides protection against self-incrimination.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Article 20 of the Constitution provides protection in respect of conviction for offences. It has three clauses:
- **Article 20(1):** Protection against ex-post facto laws.
- **Article 20(2):** Protection against double jeopardy.
- **Article 20(3):** Protection against self-incrimination.

The text of Article 20(3) reads: "**No person accused of any offence shall be compelled to be a witness against himself.**"
This means that an accused person cannot be forced to give any statement or evidence that would incriminate them or expose them to a criminal charge.
- Option (A) is nonsensical.
- Option (B) is incomplete; an accused can be a witness for the defense voluntarily.
- Option (D) relates to a witness who turns against the party that called them, which is a different concept.

- Option (C) is the precise wording and meaning of the constitutional protection.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Article 20(3) states that no accused person shall be compelled to be a witness against himself.

Quick Tip

Remember the three protections under Article 20: (1) No retrospective criminal law, (2) No double punishment, and (3) No self-incrimination. The Latin maxim for (3) is *Nemo tenetur seipsum accusare*.

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26. Indra Sawhney V/s Union of India is popularly known as

(A) Judges Transfer Case
(B) Illegal Detention case
(C) Mandal Commission case
(D) Constitutional case

Correct Answer: (C) Mandal Commission case

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks for the popular name of the landmark Supreme Court case, *Indra Sawhney v. Union of India*.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The case of *Indra Sawhney v. Union of India* (1992) arose from the implementation of the recommendations of the Second Backward Classes Commission, popularly known as the **Mandal Commission**. The Commission recommended 27% reservation for Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in government jobs.
The Supreme Court, in this case, upheld the government's decision to provide reservations for OBCs. It also laid down several important principles, such as the 50% ceiling on total reservations and the concept of the "creamy layer" to exclude the affluent members of backward classes from the benefit of reservation.
Due to its direct connection with the Mandal Commission's report, the case is famously known as the Mandal Commission case.
- **(A) Judges Transfer Case** refers to the *S.P. Gupta v. Union of India* case.
- **(B) Illegal Detention case** could refer to many habeas corpus cases, most famously *A.D.M. Jabalpur v. Shivkant Shukla*.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The case of *Indra Sawhney v. Union of India* is popularly known as the Mandal Commission

case.

Quick Tip

Associate landmark cases with their popular names and core subjects. *Kesavananda Bharati* -¿ Basic Structure Doctrine; *Maneka Gandhi* -¿ Right to Life/Due Process; *Indra Sawhney* -¿ Reservation/Mandal Commission.

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27. Due to the outcome of this case slum dwellers were benefitted

(A) N K Chanda V/s. State of Haryana
(B) Olga Tellis V/s Bombay Municipal Corporation
(C) P V. Narasimharao V/s. Union of India
(D) Ratlam Municipal Council V/s. Vardichand

Correct Answer: (B) Olga Tellis V/s Bombay Municipal Corporation

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks to identify the landmark case whose judgment primarily benefitted slum dwellers.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
In the case of ***Olga Tellis v. Bombay Municipal Corporation*** (1985), also known as the "Pavement Dwellers Case," the Supreme Court of India delivered a significant judgment regarding the rights of slum and pavement dwellers.
The case arose when the Bombay Municipal Corporation decided to evict pavement dwellers and demolish their dwellings. The Supreme Court held that the 'Right to Life' under Article 21 of the Constitution includes the 'Right to Livelihood'. The court ruled that although pavement dwellers could not claim a fundamental right to live on pavements, they must be evicted only after following a procedure established by law, and the eviction must be reasonable. It stated they should be provided with alternative accommodation before eviction. This judgment was a major victory for the rights of the urban poor and slum dwellers.
- **(D) Ratlam Municipal Council case** dealt with the municipality's duty to provide sanitary facilities and prevent public nuisance. While it benefitted residents, it was not specifically about the eviction of slum dwellers.
- **(C) P.V. Narasimharao case** dealt with parliamentary privilege and immunity from bribery charges.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The outcome of the *Olga Tellis v. Bombay Municipal Corporation* case directly benefitted slum dwellers by linking their right to livelihood with the right to life.

Quick Tip

Remember *Olga Tellis* as the "Pavement Dwellers Case." It's a key example of the Supreme Court's expansion of Article 21 to include socio-economic rights like the right to livelihood.

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28. What is meant by Homicide ?

(A) Suicide by human being not at home
(B) Suicide at home
(C) Killing of a human being by another human being
(D) Killing of human being by animal

Correct Answer: (C) Killing of a human being by another human being

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks for the legal definition of the term 'Homicide'.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The word 'Homicide' is derived from the Latin words *homo* (meaning man/human) and *caedere* (meaning to cut or kill). Therefore, etymologically and legally, homicide means the killing of a human being by another human being.
Homicide can be lawful (e.g., in self-defense, by a soldier in war) or unlawful (e.g., murder, culpable homicide not amounting to murder, causing death by negligence).
- **(A) and (B)** describe suicide, which is the act of killing oneself. The killing is not by another human being.
- **(D) Killing of a human being by an animal** is not homicide. It's a death by animal attack. For it to be a homicide, a human must have used the animal as an instrument to kill (e.g., setting a vicious dog on someone), in which case the act is attributed to the human.
Therefore, the core definition of homicide is one human killing another.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Homicide means the killing of a human being by another human being.

Quick Tip

Break down the word: "Homi" (human) + "cide" (killing). This simple etymology helps to remember that homicide is the killing of a human by a human.

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29. Adulteration of food or drink is a punishable offence

(A) Under Section 274-276 of IPC
(B) Under Section 277-278 of IPC
(C) Under Section 272-273 of IPC
(D) None of the above

Correct Answer: (C) Under Section 272-273 of IPC

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks for the specific sections in the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (IPC) that deal with the offense of adulterating food or drink.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Chapter XIV of the IPC deals with offenses affecting public health, safety, convenience, decency, and morals. Within this chapter:
- **Section 272** deals with the **adulteration of food or drink intended for sale**. It penalizes the act of adulterating any article of food or drink to make it noxious.
- **Section 273** deals with the **sale of noxious food or drink**. It penalizes the act of selling, or offering for sale, any food or drink which has been rendered noxious or is in a state unfit for consumption.
Let's check the other options:
- Sections 274-276 deal with adulteration of drugs and sale of adulterated drugs.
- Sections 277-278 deal with fouling water of a public spring or reservoir (277) and making the atmosphere noxious to health (278).

Step 3: Final Answer:
The offense of adulteration of food or drink is punishable under Sections 272-273 of the IPC.

Quick Tip

When studying the IPC, group sections by topic. The sections on public health offenses (268-294A) are important. Remember: 272/273 for food/drink, 274-276 for drugs.

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30. Maximum punishment for waging a war against the Government of India under IPC is

(A) Rigorous imprisonment up to 5 years
(B) Rigorous imprisonment up to 10 years
(C) Rigorous imprisonment for life term
(D) Death sentence

Correct Answer: (D) Death sentence

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks for the maximum punishment for the offense of waging war against the Government of India, as prescribed by the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Chapter VI of the IPC deals with "Offences against the State."
Section 121 of the IPC defines the offense of waging, or attempting to wage war, or abetting the waging of war, against the Government of India.
The punishment prescribed in Section 121 is:
"Whoever, wages war against the Government of India, or attempts to wage such war, or abets the waging of such war, shall be punished with **death**, or **imprisonment for life** and shall also be liable to fine."
The question asks for the *maximum* punishment. Between death and imprisonment for life, the death sentence is the maximum punishment.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The maximum punishment for waging war against the Government of India under Section 121 of the IPC is the death sentence.

Quick Tip

Offences against the State (like waging war, sedition) are considered the most serious crimes alongside murder. For Section 121 (waging war), remember that the punishment is the most severe possible under the law: death or life imprisonment.

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31. Offences relating to elections are

(A) Contained in the IPC as originally enacted
(B) Are introduced in the IPC by a subsequent amendment
(C) Are not covered by IPC
(D) None of the above

Correct Answer: (B) Are introduced in the IPC by a subsequent amendment

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks about the origin of the chapter on electoral offenses within the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The Indian Penal Code, as originally enacted in 1860, did not contain a specific chapter dealing

with offenses related to elections.
The offenses relating to elections are contained in **Chapter IX-A** of the IPC, which includes Sections 171-A to 171-I. This entire chapter was not part of the original code.
It was inserted into the IPC by the **Indian Elections Offences and Inquiries Act, 1920**. This was a subsequent amendment made to address electoral malpractices like bribery, undue influence, and personation at elections.
Therefore, these offenses were introduced by a subsequent amendment and were not present in the original 1860 code.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The offenses relating to elections were introduced in the IPC by a subsequent amendment.

Quick Tip

Remember that the IPC has been amended over time to address new types of crime. Chapter IX-A (Elections) and Chapter XX-A (Cruelty by Husband) are two prominent examples of chapters added later to the original code.

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32. Rupa Bajaj V/s. KPS Gill, is a famous case which the Supreme Court decided on

(A) Wrongful restraint
(B) Wrongful confinement
(C) Outrage the modesty of a woman
(D) Maintenance to the divorced women

Correct Answer: (C) Outrage the modesty of a woman

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks for the legal issue decided in the famous case of *Rupa Bajaj v. K.P.S. Gill*. The full name is *Mrs. Rupan Deol Bajaj Anr vs Kanwar Pal Singh Gill Anr.*

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
This case involved an incident where a senior police officer, Mr. K.P.S. Gill, allegedly patted the posterior of a senior IAS officer, Mrs. Rupan Deol Bajaj, at a party. A criminal complaint was filed against him.
The legal question revolved around whether this act amounted to an "outrage of the modesty of a woman," which is an offense under **Section 354** of the Indian Penal Code ("Assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty").
The Supreme Court, in its judgment, held that the act did constitute an offense under Section 354 of the IPC. The court provided a detailed interpretation of what constitutes 'modesty' of a woman and what kind of act would amount to outraging it. The conviction of Mr. Gill was

upheld.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The case of *Rupa Bajaj v. K.P.S. Gill* was decided on the issue of outraging the modesty of a woman.

Quick Tip

This is a landmark case on Section 354 of the IPC. Associate the names Rupa Bajaj and K.P.S. Gill with the offense of "outraging the modesty of a woman." The case is often cited in discussions on sexual harassment and the interpretation of Section 354.

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33. Which of the following is not of civil nature

(A) Right to take out procession
(B) Right to Worship in a temple
(C) Right to Caste and Religion
(D) All of the above

Correct Answer: (C) Right to Caste and Religion

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks to identify which of the given rights does not constitute a "suit of a civil nature" under Section 9 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908. A suit of civil nature is one where the principal question relates to the determination of a civil right.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Section 9 of the CPC states that civil courts have jurisdiction to try all suits of a civil nature excepting suits of which their cognizance is either expressly or impliedly barred. The explanation to the section clarifies that a suit in which the right to property or to an office is contested is a suit of a civil nature, notwithstanding that such right may depend entirely on the decision of questions as to religious rites or ceremonies.
- **(A) Right to take out procession:** A suit to establish the right to take out a religious or non-religious procession is a suit of a civil nature.
- **(B) Right to Worship in a temple:** A suit to establish an individual's right to worship in a temple is a suit of a civil nature.
- **(C) Right to Caste and Religion:** A suit involving questions purely of religious rites or ceremonies, or questions of caste, is not a suit of a civil nature. For example, a suit to be declared the head of a particular caste, or a suit to enforce a religious ritual without any associated civil right (like property or office), is not maintainable in a civil court. The right to "caste and religion" itself is a very broad and abstract concept. Suits based on claims of dignity or social precedence related to caste are generally not entertained by civil courts.

Therefore, questions that are purely religious or caste-based, without a civil right attached, are not of a civil nature.

Step 3: Final Answer:
A suit purely for the "Right to Caste and Religion," without involving any civil right like property or office, is not considered a suit of a civil nature.

Quick Tip

For a suit to be of a civil nature, the primary dispute must be about a civil right (e.g., right to property, office, contract, worship). If the dispute is purely about religious rituals or caste status without any civil consequence, it is not a suit of a civil nature.

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34. In a suit where the doctrine of res judicata applies

(A) The suit is liable to be dismissed
(B) The suit is liable to be stayed
(C) Both (a) and (b)
(D) None of the above

Correct Answer: (A) The suit is liable to be dismissed

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks for the consequence in a subsequent suit when the doctrine of *res judicata* is applicable.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The doctrines of *res judicata* and *res sub judice* are often confused.
- ***Res Sub Judice*** (Section 10 of CPC): This doctrine means "a matter which is pending judgment." It applies when a previous suit between the same parties on the same matter is already pending in a court. In this situation, the subsequent suit is **stayed**. The goal is to prevent two parallel proceedings and conflicting decisions.
- ***Res Judicata*** (Section 11 of CPC): This doctrine means "a matter that has been finally decided." It applies when a previous suit between the same parties on the same matter has already been heard and finally decided by a competent court. In this situation, the court is barred from trying the subsequent suit. The consequence is that the subsequent suit is **dismissed**. The goal is to give finality to litigation.
The question is about *res judicata*. Therefore, the suit is liable to be dismissed.

Step 3: Final Answer:
When the doctrine of *res judicata* applies, the subsequent suit is liable to be dismissed.

Quick Tip

Remember the key difference: *Res Sub Judice* (Section 10) -¿ Pending suit -¿ Stay of subsequent suit. *Res Judicata* (Section 11) -¿ Decided suit -¿ Dismissal of subsequent suit. 'Judicata' sounds like 'adjudicated' (decided). 'Sub Judice' means 'under judgment' (pending).

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35. Under Section 16, CPC, a suit relating to immovable property can be filed in a Court whose local jurisdiction is

(A) Where the property is situated
(B) Where the defendant voluntarily resides or carries on business
(C) Both (a) and (b)
(D) None of the above

Correct Answer: (A) Where the property is situated

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question is about the place of suing (jurisdiction) for suits related to immovable property as per the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Sections 15 to 20 of the CPC deal with the place of suing.
Section 16 of the CPC specifically lays down the rule for suits related to immovable property. It states that suits for the recovery of immovable property, for partition of immovable property, for foreclosure, sale or redemption in the case of a mortgage, for the determination of any other right to or interest in immovable property, for compensation for wrong to immovable property, etc., shall be instituted in the Court within the local limits of whose jurisdiction the **property is situated**.
The principle is that the court which has territorial jurisdiction over the property is the proper forum.
- **Option (B)** refers to the general rule of jurisdiction under Section 20 of the CPC, which applies to other types of suits (like suits for damages, breach of contract), but not to suits for immovable property which are governed by the specific provision of Section 16. The proviso to Section 16 allows for suing where the defendant resides only in suits for personal obedience (e.g., specific performance), but the primary rule is the location of the property.

Step 3: Final Answer:
As per Section 16 of the CPC, a suit relating to immovable property must be filed in the court within whose local jurisdiction the property is situated.

Quick Tip

Remember the basic rule of jurisdiction: For immovable property, the location of the property is key (Section 16). For all other cases, it's generally where the defendant resides or where the cause of action arose (Section 20). The specific rule (S.16) overrides the general rule (S.20).

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36. Pleading means

(A) Plaint and written statement
(B) Plaint only
(C) Written statement
(D) Oral statement by the pleader

Correct Answer: (A) Plaint and written statement

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks for the definition of "Pleading" as per the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The definition of pleading is provided in **Order VI, Rule 1** of the Code of Civil Procedure. Order VI, Rule 1 states: "'Pleading' shall mean **plaint or written statement**."
- A **Plaint** is the document filed by the plaintiff to initiate a lawsuit, setting out their claims and the facts they rely on.
- A **Written Statement** is the defendant's reply to the plaint, where they admit or deny the plaintiff's allegations and may present their own case.
Together, these two documents form the pleadings, which define the scope of the dispute between the parties. Oral statements (D) are evidence or arguments, not pleadings.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Pleading means the plaint filed by the plaintiff and the written statement filed by the defendant.

Quick Tip

This is a direct definition-based question. "Pleading = Plaint + Written Statement." Memorize this fundamental equation of civil procedure from Order VI, Rule 1 of the CPC.

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37. On failure to file a written statement, under order VIII rule 10 of CPC the Court may

(A) pass any other order
(B) Order for striking off the decree
(C) May pronounce the judgement at once
(D) Any of the above

Correct Answer: (D) Any of the above

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks about the powers of a court when a defendant fails to file a written statement within the prescribed time, as per Order VIII, Rule 10 of the CPC.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Order VIII, Rule 10 of the CPC is titled "Procedure when party fails to present written statement called for by Court." It states:
"Where any party from whom a written statement is required under rule 1 or rule 9 fails to present the same within the time permitted or fixed by the Court, as the case may be, the Court **shall pronounce judgment against him**, or **make such order in relation to the suit as it thinks fit** and on the pronouncement of such judgment a decree shall be drawn up."
This provision gives the court wide discretion. The court can:
- **(C) Pronounce the judgment at once:** This is explicitly mentioned. The court can treat the facts in the plaint as admitted and pass a judgment.
- **(A) Pass any other order:** The phrase "make such order in relation to the suit as it thinks fit" covers this. The court might, for example, post the case for ex-parte evidence or grant one last opportunity with costs.
- **(B) Order for striking off the decree:** This option is phrased incorrectly. It should likely be "striking off the defence." However, the power to pass "any other order" is broad enough to cover various procedural steps.
Since the court can either pronounce judgment or make any other suitable order, the option "Any of the above" correctly reflects the wide discretionary powers under this rule.

Step 3: Final Answer:
On failure to file a written statement, the court has the discretion to pronounce judgment, pass any other order it deems fit, or take other appropriate steps. Therefore, "Any of the above" is the most comprehensive answer.

Quick Tip

Order VIII, Rule 10 gives the court two main options on failure to file a written statement: either pronounce judgment straight away OR make any other order. This "any other order" clause gives the court very wide discretion, so options reflecting this breadth are often correct.

38. Which Section of Specific Relief Act prohibits filing a case against the Government

(A) Section 5
(B) Section 6
(C) Section 7
(D) Section 8

Correct Answer: (B) Section 6

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks which section of the Specific Relief Act, 1963, contains a prohibition on filing a suit against the Government.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Let's analyze the relevant sections of the Specific Relief Act dealing with the recovery of possession of property:
- **Section 5** deals with the recovery of specific immovable property based on title, through the procedure provided by the CPC. There is no bar against the government here.
- **Section 6** provides a summary remedy for a person who has been dispossessed of immovable property without their consent and otherwise than in due course of law. This suit must be brought within six months of dispossession. **Section 6(2)(a)** explicitly states: "**No suit under this section shall be brought against the Government.**" This is a clear prohibition.
- **Section 7** deals with the recovery of specific movable property.
- **Section 8** deals with the liability of a person in possession of movable property, not the owner, to deliver it to the person entitled to immediate possession.
The specific bar against suing the government is found only in Section 6.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Section 6 of the Specific Relief Act, 1963, prohibits the filing of a suit under that section against the Government.

Quick Tip

Remember Section 6 of the SRA as a special, summary, and speedy remedy for wrongful dispossession. Because it's a summary remedy based only on prior possession (not title), it has limitations: no appeal, and no suit against the government.

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39. The Patent Act became a law in

(A) 1970
(B) 1975

(C) 1996
(D) 1966

Correct Answer: (A) 1970

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks for the year of enactment of the Patents Act in India.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The principal legislation governing patents in India is **The Patents Act, 1970**. This Act replaced the earlier Indian Patents and Designs Act of 1911.
While the Act was passed by the Parliament in 1970, it came into force on 20th April 1972. However, the year of enactment is the year it was passed by the legislature, which is 1970.
This Act has been significantly amended since then, notably in 1999, 2002, and 2005, to comply with India's obligations under the TRIPS Agreement of the WTO.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The Patents Act became law (was enacted) in 1970.

Quick Tip

For major Intellectual Property laws in India, remember the years: The Patents Act, 1970; The Trade Marks Act, 1999; The Copyright Act, 1957; The Designs Act, 2000.

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40. A Public Interest litigation can be filed under

(A) Article 226 of Constitution and Article 32 Constitution
(B) U/s. 133 of Criminal Procedure Code
(C) (a) and (b)
(D) None of the above

Correct Answer: (C) (a) and (b)

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks about the legal provisions under which a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) can be filed in India.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Public Interest Litigation (PIL) is a unique feature of Indian jurisprudence. It allows a member

of the public to enforce public duties or vindicate public interest through the courts.
- **(A) Article 32 and Article 226 of the Constitution:** These are the primary avenues for filing PILs. **Article 32** allows a person to approach the **Supreme Court** directly for the enforcement of fundamental rights. **Article 226** allows a person to approach a **High Court** for the enforcement of fundamental rights and "for any other purpose." The Supreme Court and High Courts have used their vast writ jurisdiction under these articles to entertain PILs.
- **(B) Section 133 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC):** This section empowers a District Magistrate or a Sub-divisional Magistrate to make a conditional order for the removal of a public nuisance. This provision has been used creatively by courts and activists as a tool for public interest matters, especially concerning environmental pollution and other public nuisances. The Supreme Court has recognized its utility as a PIL tool.
Since PILs can be filed under the constitutional provisions and also initiated through Section 133 of the CrPC for specific matters like public nuisance, both (a) and (b) are correct.

Step 3: Final Answer:
A Public Interest Litigation can be filed under Articles 32 and 226 of the Constitution, and matters of public interest concerning public nuisance can also be agitated under Section 133 of the CrPC. Therefore, (C) is the correct answer.

Quick Tip

While Articles 32 (Supreme Court) and 226 (High Courts) are the main sources of PIL jurisdiction, don't forget the power of Magistrates under Section 133 CrPC for public nuisance, which also serves a similar purpose at the executive magistrate level.

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41. Supreme Court in SP Gupta V/s. Union of India AIR 1982, SC 149, decided

(A) Free Legal Aid
(B) Bonded labours
(C) Judges Transfer
(D) Illegal detention

Correct Answer: (C) Judges Transfer

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks to identify the main issue decided in the landmark case of *S.P. Gupta v. Union of India*.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The case of *S.P. Gupta v. Union of India*, AIR 1982 SC 149, is famously known as the **First Judges Case**.
The primary issues in this case revolved around the independence of the judiciary. Specifically,

it dealt with:
1. The validity of the government's circular regarding the transfer of High Court judges.
2. The procedure for the appointment and transfer of judges.
3. The question of whether the correspondence between the Chief Justice of India, the Chief Justice of the High Court, and the Law Minister regarding judicial appointments could be claimed as a privilege and withheld from the courts.
The Supreme Court, in this case, held that the "consultation" with the Chief Justice of India did not mean "concurrence," giving the executive primacy in judicial appointments. This position was later overruled in the Second and Third Judges Cases.
Thus, the central theme of the case was the appointment and transfer of judges.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The case of *S.P. Gupta v. Union of India* primarily decided on the issue of Judges' transfers and appointments.

Quick Tip

Remember the series of "Judges Cases": - First Judges Case (S.P. Gupta, 1981): Executive has primacy. - Second Judges Case (SCAORA v. UoI, 1993): CJI has primacy, birth of the Collegium system. - Third Judges Case (Special Reference, 1998): Clarified the Collegium system (CJI + 4 senior-most judges).

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42. Supreme Court in a PIL known as Kamal Nath case evolved,

(A) Basic Future and Basic structure doctrine
(B) Public Trust doctrine
(C) Separation of power doctrine
(D) Public Interest doctrine

Correct Answer: (B) Public Trust doctrine

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks for the legal doctrine that was prominently applied and evolved by the Supreme Court in the Kamal Nath case. The case is *M.C. Mehta v. Kamal Nath*.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
In the case of *M.C. Mehta v. Kamal Nath* (1997), a PIL was filed regarding the unauthorized construction of a motel on the banks of the River Beas in Himachal Pradesh, which involved diverting the river's course. The family of the then minister, Kamal Nath, was involved.
The Supreme Court, in its judgment, invoked the **Public Trust Doctrine**. This doctrine, rooted in common law, posits that certain natural resources like rivers, forests, and air are held by the government in trust for the free and unimpeded use of the general public. The state, as

a trustee, has a legal duty to protect these resources for the enjoyment of the public and cannot permit their use for private or commercial purposes in a way that harms the public interest. The Court held that the government had committed a breach of public trust by leasing this ecologically fragile land and ordered the motel to pay compensation for the restoration of the environment ('Polluter Pays Principle') and to hand over the land to the government.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The Supreme Court in the Kamal Nath case evolved and applied the Public Trust Doctrine.

Quick Tip

Associate the Kamal Nath case with the Public Trust Doctrine and environmental protection. The core idea is that the government is a trustee, not an owner, of natural resources, and must protect them for the public.

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43. Vishakha v/s. State of Rajasthan case is related to

(A) Sexual harassment at workplace
(B) Protection of civil rights
(C) Uniform civil code
(D) None of the above

Correct Answer: (A) Sexual harassment at workplace

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks about the subject matter of the landmark Supreme Court case, *Vishakha v. State of Rajasthan*.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The case of *Vishakha and others v. State of Rajasthan* (1997) was a Public Interest Litigation filed after the brutal gang rape of Bhanwari Devi, a social worker in Rajasthan who was trying to stop a child marriage.
In this case, the Supreme Court addressed the issue of **sexual harassment of women at the workplace**. At that time, there was no specific law in India to address this problem. The Court held that sexual harassment at the workplace is a violation of the fundamental rights of women under Articles 14, 15, and 21 of the Constitution.
To fill the legislative vacuum, the Court, exercising its power under Article 141, laid down a set of guidelines, famously known as the **Vishakha Guidelines**, to be followed by all employers to prevent and redress complaints of sexual harassment. These guidelines were binding law until the Parliament enacted the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act in 2013.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The Vishakha case is related to sexual harassment at the workplace.

Quick Tip

The name "Vishakha" is synonymous with the law on sexual harassment at the workplace in India. Remember that this case led to the famous "Vishakha Guidelines," which were the law of the land for over 15 years before the 2013 Act was passed.

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44. Court's power to award compensation is provided in Specific Relief Act

(A) Under Section 20
(B) Under Section 21
(C) (a) and (b)
(D) None of the above

Correct Answer: (B) Under Section 21

Solution:
Note: The provided image cuts off the full list of options for question 44. The solution is based on the visible options and the relevant law.

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks for the section in the Specific Relief Act, 1963, that empowers a court to award compensation.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Let's look at the relevant sections in the Specific Relief Act, 1963 (prior to the 2018 amendment, which is relevant for a 2017 exam paper).
- **Section 20 (prior to amendment):** This section dealt with the *discretion* of the court to grant specific performance. It laid down the principles for when a court may properly exercise its discretion not to decree specific performance. It did not directly deal with awarding compensation.
- **Section 21:** This section is titled "**Power to award compensation in certain cases.**" It explicitly provides that in a suit for specific performance of a contract, the plaintiff may also claim compensation for its breach, either in addition to, or in substitution of, such performance. It lays down the rules for how and when this compensation can be claimed and awarded by the court.
- **Section 22:** Deals with the power to grant relief for possession, partition, refund of earnest money, etc.
- **Section 23 and 24:** Deal with liquidation of damages and bar of suit for compensation after dismissal of a suit for specific performance.
The primary section that grants the power to award compensation in a suit for specific perfor-

mance is Section 21.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The court's power to award compensation in a suit for specific performance is provided under Section 21 of the Specific Relief Act.

Quick Tip

In the Specific Relief Act, remember the key sections for remedies: Section 20 (Discretion), Section 21 (Compensation), Section 22 (Possession/Partition), and Section 26 (Rectification). Section 21 is specifically for monetary compensation alongside or instead of specific performance.

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45. Proving of hand writing is provided in Indian Evidence Act

(A) By the opinion of Experts
(B) By the evidence of a person who is acquainted with the handwriting
(C) After police verification
(D) (a) and (b)

Correct Answer: (D) (a) and (b)

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks about the methods of proving handwriting as per the provisions of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The Indian Evidence Act provides several ways to prove handwriting:
1. Direct Evidence: By the evidence of the person who wrote or signed the document (Section 47).
2. Opinion of an Expert: Under **Section 45**, the opinion of a handwriting expert is relevant. The court can seek the opinion of a person specially skilled in identifying handwriting. This corresponds to **option (A)**.
3. Opinion of an Acquainted Person: Under **Section 47**, the opinion of a person who is 'acquainted' with the handwriting of the person in question is relevant. A person is 'acquainted' if they have seen that person write, or have received documents written by them, or have in the ordinary course of business received documents written by them. This corresponds to **option (B)**.
4. Comparison by Court: Under **Section 73**, the court itself can compare the disputed handwriting with an admitted or proved sample of handwriting.
Both options (A) and (B) are valid and recognized methods under the Evidence Act. Option (C), police verification, is not a legally recognized method of proving handwriting in court.

Therefore, the correct choice is (D), which combines (A) and (B).

Step 3: Final Answer:
Handwriting can be proved both by the opinion of experts (Section 45) and by the evidence of a person acquainted with the handwriting (Section 47).

Quick Tip

Remember the three main ways to prove handwriting: Expert Opinion (Sec 45), Non-Expert/Acquainted Person's Opinion (Sec 47), and Court's Own Comparison (Sec 73).

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46. Section 26 of Indian Evidence Act provides

(A) No confession made by a person in police custody is admissible
(B) Confession made by a person in police custody is admissible
(C) Confession made in the immediate presence of a magistrate is admissible
(D) (a) and (c)

Correct Answer: (D) (a) and (c)

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question is about the rule regarding confessions made while in police custody, as laid down in Section 26 of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Sections 24, 25, and 26 of the Evidence Act deal with the inadmissibility of confessions under certain circumstances.
- **Section 25** provides a general bar: "No confession made to a police officer shall be proved as against a person accused of any offence."
- **Section 26** extends this bar. It states: "**No confession made by any person whilst he is in the custody of a police officer, shall be proved as against such person**...". This part corresponds to **option (A)**.
However, Section 26 contains a very important exception or proviso:
"... **unless it be made in the immediate presence of a Magistrate**."
This proviso means that if a confession is made by a person in police custody, but it is made directly to a Magistrate and in their immediate presence, then such a confession is admissible and can be proved. This corresponds to **option (C)**.
Therefore, Section 26 contains both the general rule of inadmissibility (A) and the exception of admissibility in the presence of a Magistrate (C). Option (B) is incorrect. Option (D) correctly combines the rule and its exception.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Section 26 provides that a confession made in police custody is not admissible, unless it is made in the immediate presence of a Magistrate.

Quick Tip

Remember the confession rules progression: - Sec 24: Inadmissible if caused by inducement, threat, or promise. - Sec 25: Absolute bar on confessions made TO a police officer. - Sec 26: Bar on confessions made IN police CUSTODY, with an exception for presence of a Magistrate. - Sec 27: Exception to the bar - discovery of a fact.

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47. The term 'Evidence' means and includes

(A) Oral evidence
(B) Documentary evidence
(C) Electronic records produced for the inspection of the Court
(D) All of the above

Correct Answer: (D) All of the above

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks for the definition of the term 'Evidence' as per the Indian Evidence Act, 1872.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The definition of 'Evidence' is given in **Section 3** of the Indian Evidence Act. The definition is divided into two parts:
1. **Oral Evidence:** "all statements which the Court permits or requires to be made before it by witnesses, in relation to matters of fact under inquiry". This covers **option (A)**.
2. **Documentary Evidence:** "all documents **including electronic records** produced for the inspection of the Court".
This second part explicitly covers traditional documents (**option B**) and, after the IT Act 2000 amendment, also includes electronic records (**option C**).
Since the legal definition of evidence includes oral evidence, documentary evidence, and electronic records, all the given options are correct components of the definition.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The term 'Evidence' under the Indian Evidence Act means and includes oral evidence, documentary evidence, and electronic records produced for the court's inspection.

Quick Tip

The definition of evidence in Section 3 is fundamental. Just remember it has two broad categories: Oral (what witnesses say in court) and Documentary (all documents and electronic records produced in court).

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48. Which is the authority that determines the language of the Court other than High Court within a given State, under Section 271 of Cr.PC

(A) State government
(B) Central government
(C) Supreme Court of India
(D) (a) and (b)

Correct Answer: (A) State government

Solution:
Note: The question incorrectly refers to Section 271 of CrPC. The relevant section is Section 272 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks which authority has the power to determine the language of the subordinate criminal courts (courts other than the High Court) within a state.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Section 272 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, is titled "Language of Courts." It states:
"**The State Government may determine** what shall be, for purposes of this Code, the language of every Court within the State other than the High Court."
This provision gives the exclusive power to the State Government to decide the official language to be used in all criminal proceedings in the subordinate courts (like the courts of Magistrates and Sessions Judges) within its territory. The language of the High Court is determined by separate constitutional provisions (Article 348).
The Central Government or the Supreme Court does not have a role in determining the language of subordinate courts in a state.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The State Government determines the language of all criminal courts within the state, other than the High Court.

Quick Tip

Remember that under India's federal structure, the administration of subordinate courts, including their language, is primarily a state subject. The State Government determines the language for both civil courts (under CPC) and criminal courts (under CrPC).

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49. A decree can be

(A) Final
(B) Preliminary
(C) Only Preliminary not final
(D) Either preliminary or final

Correct Answer: (D) Either preliminary or final

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks about the types of decrees that can be passed by a civil court, based on the definition in the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The term 'Decree' is defined in **Section 2(2) of the Code of Civil Procedure**. The definition itself clarifies the types of decrees. It states:
" 'decree' means the formal expression of an adjudication which ... conclusively determines the rights of the parties with regard to all or any of the matters in controversy in the suit and may be either **preliminary or final**. It shall be deemed to include the rejection of a plaint ... but shall not include— (a) any adjudication from which an appeal lies as an appeal from an order, or (b) any order of dismissal for default."
The explanation to the section further clarifies: "A decree is **preliminary** when further proceedings have to be taken before the suit can be completely disposed of. It is **final** when such adjudication completely disposes of the suit."
A court can also pass a decree which is partly preliminary and partly final.
Therefore, a decree can be preliminary, or it can be final. Option (D) correctly captures this.

Step 3: Final Answer:
As per the definition in the CPC, a decree can be either preliminary or final.

Quick Tip

Think of partition suits. The court first passes a 'preliminary decree' declaring the shares of the parties. Then, after the actual division of property, it passes a 'final decree'. This example helps remember that a decree can be either preliminary or final.

50. Foreign Judgment is defined in CPC

(A) Under Section 2(6) of CPC
(B) Under Section 2(7) of CPC
(C) Under Section 2(8) of CPC
(D) None of the above

Correct Answer: (A) Under Section 2(6) of CPC

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks for the specific provision in the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, that defines the term 'Foreign Judgment'.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Section 2 of the CPC is the definition clause. Let's examine the relevant sub-sections:
- **Section 2(5)** defines "foreign Court" as a Court situated outside India and not established or continued by the authority of the Central Government.
- **Section 2(6)** defines "foreign judgment" as "**the judgment of a foreign Court.**"
- **Section 2(7)** defines "Government Pleader".
- **Section 2(8)** defines "Judge".
Based on these definitions, 'Foreign Judgment' is defined under Section 2(6) of the CPC.

Step 3: Final Answer:
'Foreign Judgment' is defined under Section 2(6) of the CPC.

Quick Tip

When memorizing definitions from Section 2 of the CPC, link related terms together. For example, remember "Foreign Court" (2(5)) and "Foreign Judgment" (2(6)) as a pair. This makes them easier to recall.

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51. Section 2 (1) (ZB) of the Trade Mark Act 1999, defines the meaning of

(A) Licence
(B) Trade Mark
(C) Registration
(D) Cancellation

Correct Answer: (B) Trade Mark

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks to identify the term defined under Section 2(1)(zb) of the Trade Marks Act, 1999.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Section 2 of the Trade Marks Act, 1999, contains the definitions of various terms used in the Act.
Section 2(1)(zb) provides the definition of a "trade mark". It defines a trade mark as:
"...a mark capable of being represented graphically and which is capable of distinguishing the goods or services of one person from those of others and may include shape of goods, their packaging and combination of colours..."
This is the core definition of what constitutes a trademark under Indian law. The other terms are defined in different sub-sections of Section 2.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Section 2(1)(zb) of the Trade Marks Act, 1999, defines the meaning of 'Trade Mark'.

Quick Tip

For key statutes like the Trade Marks Act, it is helpful to remember the definition section for the main subject of the Act. For the Trade Marks Act, the definition of "trade mark" itself in Section 2(1)(zb) is the most important one.

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52. Outrage the modesty of a woman is punishable under IPC

(A) Section 376 (a)
(B) Section 376 (b)
(C) Section 354
(D) Section 498

Correct Answer: (C) Section 354

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks for the section of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (IPC) that punishes the act of outraging the modesty of a woman.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Let's analyze the given sections:
- **Sections 376(a) and 376(b)** are part of the broader Section 376 which prescribes punishments for the offence of rape. These specific sub-sections deal with aggravated forms of rape.

- **Section 354** is titled "Assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty." This section directly criminalizes any act of assault or use of criminal force on a woman with the intention of outraging her modesty. This is the precise offense mentioned in the question.
- **Section 498** deals with the offence of "Enticing or taking away or detaining with criminal intent a married woman."
Therefore, the correct section for punishing the act of outraging a woman's modesty is Section 354.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Outraging the modesty of a woman is punishable under Section 354 of the IPC.

Quick Tip

It is crucial to differentiate between the sections for various crimes against women in the IPC. Remember: Section 354 is for outraging modesty, 354A-D cover specific acts like sexual harassment, stalking etc., and Section 376 is for rape.

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53. Section 463 of Indian Penal Code deals with the crime of

(A) House breaking
(B) Dishonest misappropriation of property
(C) Forgery
(D) Forgery with cheating

Correct Answer: (C) Forgery

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks to identify the crime defined in Section 463 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Section 463 of the IPC defines the offense of 'Forgery'. It states:
"Whoever makes any false document or false electronic record or part of a document or electronic record, with intent to cause damage or injury, to the public or to any person, or to support any claim or title, or to cause any person to part with property, or to enter into any express or implied contract, or with intent to commit fraud or that fraud may be committed, commits forgery."
Let's look at the other options:
- **(A) House-breaking** is defined in Section 445.
- **(B) Dishonest misappropriation of property** is defined in Section 403.
- **(D) Forgery with cheating** refers to the offense of 'Forgery for purpose of cheating', which

is a more specific and aggravated form of forgery, punished under Section 468. The basic definition of forgery itself is in Section 463.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Section 463 of the Indian Penal Code defines the crime of Forgery.

Quick Tip

When studying property offenses in the IPC, group them logically. Theft (378), Extortion (383), Robbery/Dacoity (390/391) are related. Similarly, Criminal Misappropriation (403) and Criminal Breach of Trust (405) are a pair. Forgery (463) and Cheating (415) are also key definitions to know.

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54. Criminal intimidation is explained in IPC under

(A) Section 503 to 506
(B) Section 509 to 516
(C) Section 319 to 329
(D) None of the above

Correct Answer: (A) Section 503 to 506

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks for the sections in the Indian Penal Code, 1860 that deal with the offense of criminal intimidation.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The offense of criminal intimidation is covered in Chapter XXII of the IPC, which deals with "Criminal Intimidation, Insult and Annoyance."
- **Section 503** of the IPC **defines** the offense of 'Criminal Intimidation'. It involves threatening another person with injury to their person, reputation, or property, with the intent to cause alarm or to cause that person to do any act which they are not legally bound to do.
- **Section 504** deals with intentional insult with intent to provoke a breach of the peace.
- **Section 505** deals with statements conducing to public mischief.
- **Section 506** of the IPC prescribes the **punishment** for criminal intimidation. It provides a general punishment and a higher punishment if the threat is to cause death, grievous hurt, etc.
Therefore, the relevant sections that explain and punish criminal intimidation are primarily 503 and 506. The range given in option (A) correctly covers these key sections.
- Option (B) Section 509 deals with insulting the modesty of a woman.
- Option (C) Sections 319-329 deal with offenses of causing hurt and grievous hurt.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Criminal intimidation is defined in Section 503 and punished under Section 506 of the IPC. The range in option (A) correctly encompasses these provisions.

Quick Tip

Remember the final chapters of the IPC deal with less severe offenses compared to murder or robbery. Chapter XXII (starting from Sec 503) covers intimidation, insult, and annoyance. Associate Section 503 (definition) and 506 (punishment) as the key pair for criminal intimidation.

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55. The case Krishna Gopal V/s State of MP relates to

(A) Noise Pollution
(B) Environmental Pollution
(C) Air Pollution
(D) Water Pollution

Correct Answer: (A) Noise Pollution

Solution:
Note: The options for this question are not provided in the OCR, so logical options have been added based on the subject matter of the case.

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks about the subject matter of the case *Krishna Gopal v. State of M.P.*.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The case of *Krishna Gopal v. State of M.P.* (1995) is a significant judgment of the Madhya Pradesh High Court concerning **noise pollution**.
In this case, the court dealt with noise pollution caused by a glucose saline factory in a residential area. The court recognized noise as a pollutant and an environmental hazard. It held that the right to a clean and healthy environment is a part of the Right to Life under Article 21 of the Constitution, and this includes the right to a noise-free environment.
The court observed that noise can have serious effects on the psychological and physical health of human beings. It issued directions to control the noise levels from the factory. While the case touches upon broader environmental pollution, its specific focus and the precedent it set relate to the regulation of noise pollution.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The case of *Krishna Gopal v. State of M.P.* relates to noise pollution.

Quick Tip

For environmental law cases, try to remember the specific type of pollution addressed. For example, *M.C. Mehta v. Union of India* has many parts (Ganga pollution, Oleum gas leak, etc.), while cases like *Krishna Gopal* are more specific to issues like noise pollution.

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55. The case Krishna Gopal V/s State of MP relates to

(A) Water pollution
(B) Air and water pollution
(C) Noise and air pollution
(D) Water and noise pollution

Correct Answer: The options provided in the OCR (a, b, c, d) seem to be combinations of different types of pollution. Based on the previous question's correct answer (Noise Pollution), none of these options are precise. However, if forced to choose, any option containing "noise pollution" would be partially correct. For clarity, the answer based on the case's primary subject is Noise Pollution.

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks about the subject matter of the case *Krishna Gopal v. State of M.P.*. This case is a notable judgment in the field of environmental law.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The case of *Krishna Gopal v. State of M.P.* (1995) is a landmark decision by the Madhya Pradesh High Court specifically addressing the issue of **noise pollution**.
The court was dealing with a petition against noise pollution caused by a factory in a residential area. In its judgment, the court recognized that the Right to Life under Article 21 of the Constitution includes the right to a clean and healthy environment, which in turn encompasses the right to live in a noise-free environment. It treated noise as a form of environmental pollution that adversely affects human health.
The options provided in the OCR seem to be mixed (e.g., noise and air pollution). While a factory might cause multiple types of pollution, the key legal principle established and discussed in this specific case was related to noise. Therefore, any answer not centered on noise pollution is less accurate. The primary focus of the case was noise.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The case of *Krishna Gopal v. State of M.P.* is fundamentally related to noise pollution.

Quick Tip

When a case is cited in an exam, it's usually for the main legal principle it established. For *Krishna Gopal*, that principle is the recognition of the right to a noise-free environment under Article 21.

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56. What is the punishment for advocates if the established finding of the Bar Council is misappropriation

(A) Impose a fine
(B) Name of the advocate will be struck off from the Rolls
(C) Suspension from practice
(D) All of the above

Correct Answer: (D) All of the above

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks about the possible punishments that a Bar Council can impose on an advocate found guilty of professional misconduct, specifically misappropriation.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The powers of the Disciplinary Committee of a State Bar Council to punish an advocate for professional or other misconduct are laid down in **Section 35(3) of the Advocates Act, 1961**.
Section 35(3) states that the disciplinary committee may make any of the following orders:
(a) dismiss the complaint;
(b) reprimand the advocate;
(c) **suspend the advocate from practice** for such period as it may deem fit;
(d) **remove the name of the advocate from the State roll of advocates**.
Misappropriation of a client's funds is considered a grave professional misconduct. Depending on the severity of the case, the Disciplinary Committee can impose a range of punishments.
- **(C) Suspension from practice** is a possible punishment.
- **(B) Struck off from the Rolls** (removal of name) is the most severe punishment, reserved for serious misconduct like misappropriation.
- **(A) Impose a fine:** While the main punishments are listed above, the Bar Council also has powers to impose costs. Though a "fine" in the criminal sense isn't the primary punishment, imposing monetary costs or ordering restitution is within its powers. However, even if a fine is not a direct punishment under S.35, the other two options (B and C) are definitely possible. Given that misappropriation can range in severity, a suspension or removal from rolls are both very plausible outcomes. Option (D) suggests that all punishments are possible. Since suspension and removal are both possible for the same offense (depending on facts), this is the most likely correct answer, interpreting "all of the above" as "any of the above are possible punishments".

Step 3: Final Answer:
For a serious misconduct like misappropriation, the Bar Council's Disciplinary Committee has the power to reprimand, suspend the advocate from practice, or remove their name from the rolls entirely. Therefore, all the mentioned punishments (suspension, removal) are potential outcomes.

Quick Tip

Remember the four possible outcomes of a disciplinary proceeding under Section 35 of the Advocates Act: (1) Dismissal, (2) Reprimand, (3) Suspension, and (4) Removal from rolls. Grave misconduct like misappropriation can lead to the most severe punishments (suspension or removal).

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57. On being aggrieved by the order of State Bar Council, one can appeal to

(A) High Court
(B) Supreme Court
(C) Bar Council of India
(D) Indian Law Commission

Correct Answer: (C) Bar Council of India

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks about the appellate authority against an order of the Disciplinary Committee of a State Bar Council.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The Advocates Act, 1961, establishes a clear hierarchy for disciplinary matters.
- The initial complaint of misconduct against an advocate is heard by the **Disciplinary Committee of the State Bar Council** (Section 35).
- **Section 37(1) of the Advocates Act** provides for an appeal against the order of the State Bar Council's Disciplinary Committee. It states: "Any person aggrieved by an order of the disciplinary committee of a State Bar Council... may, within sixty days of the date of the communication of the order to him, prefer an appeal to the **Bar Council of India**."
- Subsequently, **Section 38** allows for a further appeal from the order of the Disciplinary Committee of the Bar Council of India to the **Supreme Court**.
The immediate appellate body from the State Bar Council is the Bar Council of India.

Step 3: Final Answer:
A person aggrieved by an order of the Disciplinary Committee of a State Bar Council can

appeal to the Bar Council of India.

Quick Tip

Memorize the appellate hierarchy for advocate misconduct: 1. State Bar Council (Disciplinary Committee) 2. Appeal to Bar Council of India (Section 37) 3. Appeal to Supreme Court (Section 38) The High Court does not have a direct appellate role in this process.

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58. Which Section of Advocates Act provides punishment for misconduct of advocates

(A) Section 29
(B) Section 35
(C) Section 37
(D) All of the above

Correct Answer: (B) Section 35

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks for the specific section in the Advocates Act, 1961, that deals with the punishment of advocates for misconduct.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Let's analyze the provided sections:
- **Section 29** states that advocates are the only recognized class of persons entitled to practice law. It doesn't deal with punishment.
- **Section 35** is titled "**Punishment of advocates for misconduct**." This section outlines the entire procedure: how a complaint is received by the State Bar Council, referred to its disciplinary committee, and the orders (punishments) that the committee can pass (reprimand, suspension, or removal from rolls). This is the primary section dealing with the punishment for misconduct.
- **Section 37** deals with the 'Appeal to the Bar Council of India'. It provides the remedy against an order under Section 35, but it does not itself provide for the punishment.
Therefore, the correct section that provides for the punishment itself is Section 35.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Section 35 of the Advocates Act, 1961, provides for the punishment for misconduct of advocates.

Quick Tip

For the Advocates Act, Section 35 is the cornerstone of the disciplinary mechanism. Link "Section 35" directly with "Punishment for Misconduct" in your memory.

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59. Section 24 of Advocate Act deals with

(A) Qualification of advocates who should be enrolled in the bar
(B) Qualification to become the Advocate General
(C) Qualification to become the Solicitor General of India
(D) (b) and (c)

Correct Answer: (A) Qualification of advocates who should be enrolled in the bar

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks about the subject matter of Section 24 of the Advocates Act, 1961.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Section 24 of the Advocates Act, 1961, is titled "Persons who may be admitted as advocates on a State roll."
This section lays down the essential qualifications that a person must possess to be eligible for enrollment as an advocate with a State Bar Council. These qualifications include:
- Being a citizen of India.
- Having completed the age of twenty-one years.
- Having obtained a degree in law from a recognized university.
- Fulfilling other conditions specified by the rules of the State Bar Council.
Options (B) and (C) are incorrect. The qualifications for constitutional and statutory posts like the Advocate General or Solicitor General are prescribed by the Constitution of India and other relevant rules, not by Section 24 of the Advocates Act.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Section 24 of the Advocates Act deals with the qualifications a person must have to be enrolled as an advocate.

Quick Tip

Remember key sections of the Advocates Act by their function. Section 24 is the 'entry gate' - it sets the eligibility criteria for joining the legal profession as an advocate.

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60. Under the Workmen's Compensation Act, which is helpful decide the extent of injury for compensation

(A) Insurance certificate
(B) Medical examination
(C) Medical Certificate
(D) (b) and (c)

Correct Answer: (D) (b) and (c)

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks what is used to determine the extent of a workman's injury for the purpose of calculating compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923 (now the Employee's Compensation Act, 1923).

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The amount of compensation payable under the Act depends on several factors, including the workman's wages and, crucially, the nature and extent of the injury sustained. The injury determines the percentage of loss of earning capacity.
- **Section 11 of the Act** deals with **Medical Examination**. It gives the employer the right to have the workman examined by a qualified medical practitioner. This examination helps in assessing the injury.
- The result of this examination is typically recorded in a **Medical Certificate**, which serves as primary evidence of the nature of the injury, its severity, and the resulting disability (temporary or permanent, partial or total).
- An **Insurance certificate (A)** is proof of a contract of insurance, which helps the employer pay the compensation, but it does not help in deciding the extent of the injury itself.
Both the medical examination (the process of assessment) and the resulting medical certificate (the documentary evidence) are crucial for determining the extent of the injury. Therefore, option (D) is the most comprehensive answer.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Both the medical examination of the worker and the medical certificate issued thereafter are helpful in deciding the extent of injury for calculating compensation.

Quick Tip

In any personal injury claim (whether under motor vehicle law or employee's compensation law), the medical evidence is paramount. The doctor's examination and the formal medical certificate are what quantify the injury for legal purposes.

61. Section 23 of Workmen Compensation Act 1923 says that the Commissioner shall have the power of

(A) A Court
(B) A Tribunal
(C) A quasi judicial form
(D) All of the above

Correct Answer: (A) A Court

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks about the nature of the powers vested in the Commissioner under Section 23 of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Section 23 of the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923 is titled "Powers and procedure of Commissioners." It explicitly states:
"The Commissioner shall have all the powers of a **Civil Court** under the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 (5 of 1908), for the purpose of taking evidence on oath... and of compelling the attendance of witnesses and compelling the production of documents..."
This provision legally bestows upon the Commissioner the specific powers of a Civil Court for the purposes of adjudication under the Act.
- While the Commissioner functions as a **Tribunal (B)** and acts in a **quasi-judicial (C)** capacity, the statute itself specifically equates his powers to that of a **Court (A)** for procedural matters.
Given the explicit language of the section, "A Court" is the most precise and legally accurate answer. The term "quasi-judicial" describes the nature of the function, but "powers of a Civil Court" describes the legal authority granted.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Section 23 explicitly states that the Commissioner shall have the powers of a Civil Court for the purpose of conducting proceedings under the Act.

Quick Tip

Many specialized adjudicatory bodies under various statutes (like Labour Courts, Consumer Forums, etc.) are vested with the "powers of a Civil Court" for procedural matters like summoning witnesses and documents. Remember this common feature.

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62. The objective of the Industrial Dispute Act 1947 is

(A) Industrial peace and economic justice
(B) To create harmonious relation between employer and employee
(C) To prevent illegal strike or lockout etc.,
(D) All of the above

Correct Answer: (D) All of the above

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks for the objectives of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, is a comprehensive piece of social welfare legislation aimed at regulating industrial relations. Its preamble and various provisions point to a multi-faceted objective. The key aims are:
- **Investigation and settlement of industrial disputes:** The primary goal is to provide a mechanism for resolving conflicts between employers and employees.
- **Promotion of industrial peace and harmony:** By providing forums for dispute resolution (like conciliation, arbitration, and adjudication), the Act aims to maintain peace and prevent disruptions in production. This covers **options (A) and (B)**.
- **Prevention of illegal strikes and lock-outs:** The Act lays down specific conditions and procedures that must be followed before a strike or lock-out can be declared legal. This directly corresponds to **option (C)**.
- **Ensuring social and economic justice:** By protecting workmen against unfair practices like unfair dismissal or retrenchment and providing for fair resolution of disputes, the Act strives for economic and social justice. This is part of **option (A)**.
Since all the listed options are valid and interconnected objectives of the Industrial Disputes Act, the most appropriate answer is 'All of the above'.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The objectives of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, include securing industrial peace, promoting harmonious relations, preventing illegal strikes and lock-outs, and achieving economic justice.

Quick Tip

The Industrial Disputes Act is all about conflict resolution in the industry. Its objectives are broad and encompass everything from preventing conflict (promoting harmony) to resolving it (settlement of disputes) and regulating the tools of conflict (strikes/lockouts).

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63. Section 2 (q) of Industrial Dispute Act 1947 provides the definition of

(A) Lock Out
(B) Lay Off
(C) Strike
(D) Hartal

Correct Answer: (C) Strike

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks to identify the term defined under Section 2(q) of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Section 2 of the Industrial Disputes Act is the definition clause. Let's look at the definitions of the terms in the options:
- **Section 2(l)** defines "lock-out". It means the temporary closing of a place of employment, or the suspension of work, or the refusal by an employer to continue to employ any number of persons employed by him.
- **Section 2(kk)** defines "lay-off". It means the failure, refusal or inability of an employer on account of shortage of coal, power or raw materials or the accumulation of stocks or the breakdown of machinery to give employment to a workman.
- **Section 2(q)** defines "**strike**". It means a cessation of work by a body of persons employed in any industry acting in combination, or a concerted refusal, or a refusal under a common understanding, of any number of persons who are or have been so employed to continue to work or to accept employment.
- "Hartal" is a term for a general strike or shutdown but is not a legally defined term within this Act.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Section 2(q) of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, provides the definition of 'Strike'.

Quick Tip

For the Industrial Disputes Act, memorize the definitions of the key tools of industrial conflict: Strike (2(q)), Lock-out (2(l)), and Lay-off (2(kk)). Notice that 'strike' is the weapon of the employees, while 'lock-out' and 'lay-off' are actions taken by the employer.

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64. The Land Acquisition Act came into force from

(A) 1st March 1955
(B) 1st March 1986
(C) 1st March 1994

(D) 1st March 1894

Correct Answer: (D) 1st March 1894

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks for the date when the Land Acquisition Act, 1894, came into force.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The Land Acquisition Act, 1894, was the principal law in India governing the acquisition of private land for public purposes. It was a colonial-era legislation.
The Act received the assent of the Governor-General on 2nd February 1894. **Section 1(3)** of the Act states: "It shall come into force on the **first day of March, 1894**."
This Act remained in force for over a century before being repealed and replaced by the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013. However, for a 2017 exam, knowledge of the 1894 Act was still relevant.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The Land Acquisition Act, 1894, came into force from 1st March 1894.

Quick Tip

When you see a question about the old Land Acquisition Act, remember its colonial origins. This helps in identifying the year as 1894, which is much earlier than the other options.

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65. Under the Land Acquisition Act, the 'arable land' means

(A) Useful for residential purpose
(B) Useful for commercial purpose
(C) Useful for cultivation
(D) Useful for industrial purpose

Correct Answer: (C) Useful for cultivation

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks for the meaning of 'arable land' as defined or understood in the context of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The term 'arable land' is defined in **Section 3(aa) of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894**. This definition was inserted by an amendment.
The definition is as follows: "'arable land' means any land which is **fit for cultivation**, whether in fact cultivated or not, and includes garden land and land used for dairy farming, poultry farming, pisciculture or breeding of live-stock, but does not include land used for public purposes;"
The core meaning of the word 'arable' itself relates to land used or suitable for growing crops. The legal definition confirms this.
- Options (A), (B), and (D) describe land uses that are distinct from cultivation.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Under the Land Acquisition Act, 'arable land' primarily means land that is useful for cultivation.

Quick Tip

The word "arable" has its roots in agriculture. Think of "agriculture" and "arable" together to remember that it refers to land suitable for cultivation or farming.

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66. The provision of establishing Public Service Commission is made under

(A) Article 310
(B) Article 315
(C) Article 320
(D) Article 325

Correct Answer: (B) Article 315

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks for the specific article in the Constitution of India that provides for the establishment of Public Service Commissions.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Part XIV of the Constitution of India deals with "Services under the Union and the States." Chapter II of this part is dedicated to Public Service Commissions.
- **Article 315** is titled "Public Service Commissions for the Union and for the States."
- Article 315(1) states: "...there shall be a Public Service Commission for the Union and a Public Service Commission for each State."
- Article 315(2) also provides for the establishment of a Joint Public Service Commission for two or more States if they agree.
This is the foundational article that mandates the creation of these commissions.

- **Article 310** deals with the 'tenure of office' of persons serving the Union or a State (the doctrine of pleasure).
- **Article 320** deals with the 'functions' of Public Service Commissions (e.g., conducting examinations).
- **Article 325** deals with the rule that no person is ineligible for inclusion in electoral rolls on grounds of religion, race, caste or sex. It is unrelated to Public Service Commissions.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The provision for establishing Public Service Commissions is made under Article 315 of the Constitution.

Quick Tip

For Public Service Commissions, remember the key articles: - Art 315: Establishment (Creation of UPSC/SPSC) - Art 316: Appointment and term of members - Art 320: Functions (What they do)

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67. Right to Personal liberty includes

(A) Right against custodial violence
(B) Right of under trials to separate them from convicted
(C) Right against Public hanging
(D) All of the above

Correct Answer: (D) All of the above

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks about the scope of the "Right to Personal Liberty," which is guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution of India ("No person shall be deprived of his life or personal liberty except according to procedure established by law.").

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The Supreme Court of India, through a series of landmark judgments, has given a very wide and expansive interpretation to the Right to Life and Personal Liberty under Article 21. It is not merely about physical existence but about living with human dignity.
- **(A) Right against custodial violence:** In cases like *D.K. Basu v. State of West Bengal*, the Supreme Court held that torture and violence in police custody are a gross violation of Article 21.
- **(B) Right of under trials to be separated from convicts:** In *Sunil Batra v. Delhi Administration*, the Court held that it is a violation of Article 21 to keep under-trial prisoners with convicted criminals, as it exposes them to a brutalizing environment.
- **(C) Right against Public hanging:** In *Attorney General of India v. Lachma Devi*, the

Supreme Court held that public hanging would be a barbaric and degrading punishment that violates human dignity and is therefore unconstitutional under Article 21.
Since the right to personal liberty, interpreted as the right to live with dignity, includes all these protections, the correct answer is 'All of the above'.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The Right to Personal Liberty under Article 21 includes the right against custodial violence, the right of under-trials to be separated from convicts, and the right against public hanging.

Quick Tip

When you see a question about the scope of Article 21, remember that the Supreme Court has interpreted it very broadly. If the options include rights related to human dignity, a healthy environment, privacy, or fair treatment in custody, they are likely included within Article 21. "All of the above" is often the correct answer in such cases.

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68. The Supreme Commander of the Defence Force of India is

(A) President
(B) Prime Minister
(C) The Defence Minister
(D) Chief Marshal

Correct Answer: (A) President

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks to identify the Supreme Commander of the Indian Armed Forces (Defence Forces) as per the Constitution of India.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Article 53(2) of the Constitution of India explicitly deals with this matter. It states:
"Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provision, the **supreme command of the Defence Forces of the Union shall be vested in the President** and the exercise thereof shall be regulated by law."
This constitutional provision makes the President of India the head of all three branches of the Indian Armed Forces (the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force).
- The Prime Minister (B) is the head of the government and the real executive.
- The Defence Minister (C) is the head of the Ministry of Defence, responsible for the administration of the forces.
- Chief Marshal (D) is a high rank within the Air Force, not the commander of all forces.
While the President acts on the aid and advice of the Council of Ministers headed by the Prime

Minister, the de jure (legal) Supreme Commander is the President.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The President of India is the Supreme Commander of the Defence Forces of India.

Quick Tip

This is a direct question from the Constitution (Article 53(2)). Remember that the President holds several supreme constitutional positions in a de jure capacity, including Head of State and Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces.

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69. Retirement age of Supreme Court Judges is

(A) 62 years
(B) 60 years
(C) 58 years
(D) 65 years

Correct Answer: (D) 65 years

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks for the age of retirement for a Judge of the Supreme Court of India.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The provisions regarding the appointment and tenure of Supreme Court Judges are contained in Chapter IV of Part V of the Constitution of India.
Article 124(2) of the Constitution states the following regarding the tenure of a Supreme Court Judge:
"...every Judge of the Supreme Court ... shall hold office until he attains the age of **sixty-five years**."
This article clearly specifies the retirement age.
- The retirement age for High Court Judges is 62 years (Article 217). The options (A), (B), and (C) are incorrect for a Supreme Court Judge.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The retirement age of a Supreme Court Judge is 65 years.

Quick Tip

Don't confuse the retirement ages of Supreme Court and High Court judges. Remember: - High Court Judge: 62 years - Supreme Court Judge: 65 years The Supreme Court is the higher court, so its judges have a higher retirement age.

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70. Criminal Procedure Code is a subject of

(A) Concurrent list
(B) State list
(C) Union list
(D) None of the above

Correct Answer: (A) Concurrent list

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks under which legislative list in the Seventh Schedule of the Indian Constitution the subject of the Criminal Procedure Code falls. The Seventh Schedule divides legislative powers between the Union and the States.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The Seventh Schedule contains three lists:
- **List I (Union List):** Subjects on which only the Parliament can make laws.
- **List II (State List):** Subjects on which only the State Legislatures can make laws.
- **List III (Concurrent List):** Subjects on which both the Parliament and State Legislatures can make laws.
Let's look at the entries in the Concurrent List (List III):
- Entry 1 is "Criminal law, including all matters included in the Indian Penal Code at the commencement of this Constitution..."
- Entry 2 is "**Criminal procedure**, including all matters included in the Code of Criminal Procedure at the commencement of this Constitution."
This explicitly places the Code of Criminal Procedure under the Concurrent List. This means that while there is a uniform CrPC for the whole country enacted by the Parliament, states have the power to amend its provisions to suit their local requirements, as long as the state amendment does not conflict with a central law.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The Criminal Procedure Code is a subject of the Concurrent List.

Quick Tip

Remember the placement of major legal subjects: - IPC (Criminal Law) -¿ Concurrent List - CrPC (Criminal Procedure) -¿ Concurrent List - CPC (Civil Procedure) -¿ Concurrent List - Evidence Act -¿ Concurrent List Most major procedural and substantive laws are in the Concurrent List to ensure uniformity while allowing for state-level amendments.

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71. Bailable and Non-Bailable offence has been defined in

(A) Section 2 (a) of Cr.PC
(B) Section 2 (b) of Cr. Pc
(C) Section 2 (c) of Cr. Pc
(D) Section 20 of IPC

Correct Answer: (A) Section 2 (a) of Cr.PC

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks for the specific provision in law where the terms 'bailable offence' and 'non-bailable offence' are defined.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
These are procedural terms related to bail, so their definition would be in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (CrPC), not the Indian Penal Code (IPC). Section 2 of the CrPC contains definitions.
- **Section 2(a) of the CrPC** defines "bailable offence". It states:
"'bailable offence' means an offence which is shown as bailable in the First Schedule, or which is made bailable by any other law for the time being in force; and 'non-bailable offence' means any other offence."
This single sub-section defines both terms. It defines 'bailable offence' affirmatively (by referring to the First Schedule of the CrPC) and 'non-bailable offence' negatively (as any offence that is not bailable).
- Section 2(b) defines 'charge'.
- Section 2(c) defines 'cognizable offence'.
- Section 20 of the IPC defines 'Court of Justice'.

Step 3: Final Answer:
'Bailable offence' and 'non-bailable offence' are defined in Section 2(a) of the CrPC.

Quick Tip

The first few definitions in Section 2 of the CrPC are very important. Remember them in order: - 2(a): Bailable offence - 2(b): Charge - 2(c): Cognizable offence - 2(d): Complaint This sequence can help you recall the correct subsection quickly.

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72. Under Section 21 of Cr.PC Special Executive Magistrate may be appointed by

(A) Central Government
(B) High Court
(C) Supreme Court
(D) State Government

Correct Answer: (D) State Government

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks about the appointing authority for a Special Executive Magistrate under the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Chapter II of the CrPC deals with the constitution of criminal courts and offices.
Section 21 of the CrPC is titled "Special Executive Magistrates." It states:
"The **State Government** may appoint, for such term as it may think fit, Executive Magistrates, to be known as Special Executive Magistrates, for particular areas or for the performance of particular functions and confer on such Special Executive Magistrates such of the powers as are conferrable under this Code on Executive Magistrates as it may deem fit."
The text of the section explicitly gives the power of appointment to the State Government. The appointment is for a specific term, area, or function.

Step 3: Final Answer:
A Special Executive Magistrate is appointed by the State Government.

Quick Tip

Remember that the appointment of various types of Magistrates (Judicial and Executive) at the district level is generally done by state-level authorities. Judicial Magistrates are appointed by the High Court (Section 11), while Executive Magistrates are appointed by the State Government (Section 20 21).

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73. Police may carry out personal search on an arrested person,

(A) U/s. 49 Cr.PC
(B) U/s. 50 Cr.PC
(C) U/s. 51 Cr.PC
(D) U/s. 52 Cr.PC

Correct Answer: (C) U/s. 51 Cr.PC

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks for the specific section in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, that authorizes the police to search an arrested person.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Chapter V of the CrPC deals with the "Arrest of Persons." The sections in this chapter lay down the procedure and rights related to arrest.
- **Section 49** deals with the rule that no unnecessary restraint should be used on an arrested person.
- **Section 50** deals with the obligation of the police officer to inform the arrested person of the grounds of arrest and their right to bail.
- **Section 51** is titled "**Search of arrested person**." This section provides that whenever a person is arrested by a police officer under a warrant which does not provide for bail, or under a warrant which provides for bail but the person cannot furnish it, or is arrested without a warrant, the officer making the arrest may search such person and place in safe custody all articles, other than necessary wearing-apparel, found upon him.
- **Section 52** deals with the power to seize offensive weapons from an arrested person.
The direct authority for a personal search of the arrested person is Section 51.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The police may carry out a personal search on an arrested person under Section 51 of the CrPC.

Quick Tip

Remember the sequence of events after an arrest: The police inform the person of the grounds (Sec 50), then they can search the person (Sec 51), and seize any weapons found (Sec 52). This logical flow helps in recalling the correct sections.

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74. The Special Court is

(A) Not subordinate to High Court
(B) Superior to High Court
(C) Supplement to High Court

(D) Equal to Supreme Court

Correct Answer: (A) Not subordinate to High Court

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks about the hierarchical relationship between a 'Special Court' and the High Court. Special Courts are created under various statutes to try specific types of cases (e.g., NIA Act, POCSO Act, Prevention of Corruption Act).

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The judicial hierarchy in India is well-defined. The Supreme Court is the apex court. Below it are the High Courts for each state, which have supervisory jurisdiction over all subordinate courts within the state.
Special Courts are generally established at the level of a Sessions Court or are presided over by a judge of that rank. For example, under the Prevention of Corruption Act, a Special Judge must be a Sessions Judge or an Additional Sessions Judge.
As such, these Special Courts are considered subordinate to the High Court of the respective state. The High Court exercises appellate and revisional jurisdiction over the decisions of these Special Courts.
Let's analyze the options:
- **(B), (C), (D)** are incorrect. A Special Court is not superior, a supplement, or equal to a High Court or Supreme Court. It fits within the existing judicial hierarchy below the High Court.
- **(A) Not subordinate to High Court:** This statement is legally incorrect. Special Courts are indeed subordinate to the High Court. There seems to be an error in the question or the provided options, as all courts in a state, except the High Court itself, are subordinate to it. However, if the question intends to imply that it's a distinct court, and we must choose the 'best' option, this is a problematic question. Assuming there might be a misunderstanding in the question's phrasing, and re-evaluating, it's possible the question is flawed. But if a choice must be made, it's important to stick to the legal fact: Special Courts ARE subordinate to the High Court. If this was a real exam and the answer key said (A), the justification would have to be very strained, perhaps arguing that 'subordinate' implies direct administrative control in a way that doesn't apply, which is a weak argument. Given the clear legal position, the question is likely flawed. If we assume the question is "Which statement is false?", then (A) would be the answer. But as it stands, it asks for a correct description. No option is perfectly correct. Let's assume there's a typo in (A) and it should have been "Subordinate to High Court".
Given the standard format of such questions, let's reconsider. Perhaps "Not subordinate" is meant in a very narrow, non-supervisory sense, which is unlikely. The most likely scenario is a flawed question. However, in the absence of a "subordinate to High Court" option, we cannot provide a correct answer from the list. If we are to assume the intended answer is (A) as per a faulty key, the logic is non-existent. Let's proceed with the correct legal principle. Legal Principle: All Special Courts are subordinate to the High Court. None of the options reflect this.

Step 3: Final Answer:
This question is flawed as presented. As a matter of law, Special Courts are subordinate to the

High Court. None of the options accurately reflect this. Option (A) is factually incorrect.

Quick Tip

Understand the basic judicial structure: Supreme Court ¿ High Courts ¿ Subordinate Courts (District Courts, Sessions Courts, Special Courts, Magistrate Courts, etc.). The High Court has superintendence over all courts within its territorial jurisdiction (Article 227).

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75. The powers under Section 159 of Cr.PC can be exercised by a Magistrate

(A) When the police decides not to investigate the case
(B) When the investigation is still going on
(C) Both (a) and (b)
(D) None of the above

Correct Answer: (C) Both (a) and (b)

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks about the circumstances under which a Magistrate can exercise powers under Section 159 of the CrPC.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Section 159 of the CrPC is titled "Power to hold investigation or preliminary inquiry." It states that a Magistrate empowered under Section 190, upon receiving a police report under Section 157, may direct an investigation. Or, if he thinks fit, he may at once proceed, or depute any Magistrate subordinate to him to proceed, to hold a preliminary inquiry into the case, or otherwise to dispose of the case in the manner provided in this Code.
The report under Section 157 is the initial report submitted by the police. It can state either that the police are proceeding with the investigation, or (under Section 157(1)(b)) that the officer does not see sufficient ground for entering on an investigation.
- Therefore, the Magistrate can exercise power under Section 159 **when the police are investigating** to supervise or hold a parallel preliminary inquiry. This covers **option (B)**.
- The Magistrate can also exercise this power **when the police decide not to investigate** (as reported under S.157(1)(b)), to direct them to investigate or to conduct an inquiry himself. This covers **option (A)**.
The power under Section 159 is essentially a power of supervision and control over the police investigation at its very initial stage, triggered by the police report under Section 157. It can be exercised in both scenarios.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The powers under Section 159 of the CrPC can be exercised by a Magistrate both when the

police decide not to investigate and when the investigation is ongoing.

Quick Tip

Think of Section 159 as the Magistrate's first point of control over a police investigation. On receiving the initial police report (Form 157), the Magistrate can say "Go ahead and investigate," "You must investigate," or "I will conduct a preliminary inquiry myself." It's a versatile supervisory tool.

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76. Statement recorded during investigation U/s. 161 can be used in trial

(A) For contradicting the witness
(B) For corroborating the witness
(C) Incorporating in the charge sheet
(D) Discharging the accused

Correct Answer: (A) For contradicting the witness

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks about the permissible use of a statement made by a witness to the police during investigation (recorded under Section 161 of the CrPC) during the actual court trial.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Statements recorded by the police under Section 161 CrPC are not substantive evidence. This means they cannot be used to prove the truth of the facts stated in them. Their use is strictly limited by **Section 162 of the CrPC**.
Section 162(1) states that no statement made by any person to a police officer in the course of an investigation shall, if reduced to writing, be signed by the person making it; nor shall any such statement or any record thereof be used for any purpose at any inquiry or trial, **except as hereinafter provided**.
The proviso to Section 162(1) provides the exception. It states that when any witness is called for the prosecution in such inquiry or trial, their previous statement to the police can be used by the **accused** (and with the permission of the Court, by the prosecution) to **contradict such witness** in the manner provided by Section 145 of the Indian Evidence Act, 1872.
- **(A) For contradicting the witness:** This is the primary and explicit use allowed by the proviso to Section 162.
- **(B) For corroborating the witness:** This is explicitly barred. A witness's previous statement to the police cannot be used to corroborate (support) their testimony in court (with very limited exceptions under Section 157 of Evidence Act, which are not the general rule).
- **(C) and (D)** are incorrect. The statement is part of the case diary and informs the charge sheet, but its use in the trial is what is being asked. It cannot be used to discharge the accused

as it's not substantive evidence.

Step 3: Final Answer:
A statement recorded under Section 161 of the CrPC can be used in a trial only for the purpose of contradicting the witness who made it.

Quick Tip

Remember the golden rule for 161 statements: "Contradiction, not Corroboration." The defense has a right to use it to show that the witness is changing their story in court. The prosecution cannot generally use it to bolster a witness's testimony.

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77. Power of taking cognizance of offence by a Magistrate of First class or second class is provided

(A) Under Section 173 Of Criminal Procedure Code
(B) Under Section 190 of Criminal Procedure Code
(C) Under Section 190 of Indian Penal Code
(D) None of the above

Correct Answer: (B) Under Section 190 of Criminal Procedure Code

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks for the legal provision that empowers a Magistrate to "take cognizance" of an offence. Taking cognizance is the first step by a court towards initiating a criminal proceeding.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
'Cognizance' is a procedural concept, so the relevant law is the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (CrPC).
- **Section 190 of the CrPC** is titled "**Cognizance of offences by Magistrates**."
- Section 190(1) states that any Magistrate of the first class, and any Magistrate of the second class specially empowered in this behalf, may take cognizance of any offence—
(a) upon receiving a complaint of facts which constitute such offence;
(b) upon a police report of such facts;
(c) upon information received from any person other than a police officer, or upon his own knowledge, that such offence has been committed.
This section is the direct source of a Magistrate's power to take cognizance.
- **Section 173 of CrPC** deals with the final report of the police after investigation (the charge-sheet). The Magistrate takes cognizance based on this report under Section 190(1)(b).
- **Section 190 of the Indian Penal Code** does not exist. The IPC defines offences and their punishments, it does not deal with court procedure.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The power of a Magistrate to take cognizance of an offence is provided under Section 190 of the Code of Criminal Procedure.

Quick Tip

Associate "cognizance" directly with Section 190 CrPC. Remember the three ways a Magistrate can take cognizance: (1) Complaint, (2) Police Report (Chargesheet), or (3) Own knowledge/other information.

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78. Additions or alteration of charges is provided in Cr. PC

(A) U/s. 214
(B) U/s. 215
(C) U/s. 216
(D) U/s.210

Correct Answer: (C) U/s. 216

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks for the section in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, that allows a court to alter or add to a charge that has already been framed.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Chapter XVII of the CrPC deals with "The Charge" (Sections 211 to 224).
- **Section 216 of the CrPC** is titled "**Court may alter charge**."
- Section 216(1) states: "Any Court may **alter or add to any charge** at any time before judgment is pronounced."
This section gives the court wide powers to change the charge based on the evidence that comes on record during the trial, to ensure that the accused is tried for the correct offence. The section also has safeguards, requiring that the alteration be read and explained to the accused.
- **Section 210** deals with the procedure to be followed when there is a complaint case and police investigation in respect of the same offence.
- **Section 214** states that in every charge, words used in describing an offence shall be deemed to have been used in the sense attached to them by the law under which such offence is punishable.
- **Section 215** deals with the effect of errors in the charge, stating that no error shall be regarded as material unless the accused was misled.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The provision for alteration or addition of charges is provided under Section 216 of the CrPC.

Quick Tip

Remember the key sections on charge: 211 (Contents of charge), 212 (Particulars as to time, place, and person), and 216 (Alteration of charge). Section 216 is the dynamic provision that allows the charge to be corrected during the trial.

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79. Under the Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act, the person who is taken in adoption

(A) Must be a Hindu only
(B) A Hindu or Jew
(C) May be Hindu or Christian
(D) None of the above

Correct Answer: (A) Must be a Hindu only

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks about the religious requirement for a child who is being given in adoption under the Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act, 1956 (HAMA).

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act, 1956, governs adoptions within the Hindu community. The Act applies to any person who is a Hindu, Buddhist, Jaina or Sikh by religion (as defined in Section 2).
Section 10 of HAMA lays down the conditions for a person who may be adopted. It states: "No person shall be capable of being taken in adoption unless the following conditions are fulfilled, namely:—
(i) he or she is a **Hindu**..."
The other conditions relate to not having been adopted before, not being married (with some exceptions), and being under the age of fifteen (with exceptions for custom).
The first and foremost requirement is that the child to be adopted must be a Hindu. A non-Hindu child cannot be adopted under the provisions of this specific Act. Adoptions of children of other faiths are governed by other laws like the Juvenile Justice Act.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Under the Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act, the person who is taken in adoption must be a Hindu.

Quick Tip

The title of the Act itself is a big clue: "Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act." This signifies that the Act's provisions, including who can adopt, who can give in adoption, and who can be adopted, apply exclusively to persons who are legally considered Hindus.

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80. Polygamy was permitted for Hindus before the year

(A) 1956
(B) 1954
(C) 1955
(D) 1978

Correct Answer: (C) 1955

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks until which year was polygamy (specifically, polygyny - a man having more than one wife) legally permitted for Hindus in India.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Before the codification of Hindu personal law after India's independence, Hindu law was largely uncodified and based on ancient texts and customs. Under this traditional law, a Hindu man was permitted to have more than one wife.
This practice was outlawed by the enactment of the **Hindu Marriage Act, 1955**.
Section 5 of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, lays down the conditions for a valid Hindu marriage. Section 5(i) states that a marriage may be solemnized between any two Hindus, if "**neither party has a spouse living at the time of the marriage**."
This condition introduced the principle of monogamy as a strict legal requirement for all Hindus. Any marriage solemnized after the Act came into force in contravention of this condition is null and void under Section 11, and the person remarrying is liable for bigamy under Section 17 of the Act and Section 494 of the IPC.
The Act came into force on **18th May 1955**. Therefore, polygamy was permitted before this date.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Polygamy was permitted for Hindus before the enactment of the Hindu Marriage Act in 1955.

Quick Tip

Remember the 'Hindu Code Bills' enacted in the mid-1950s that reformed Hindu personal law. The key ones are: - Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 (introduced monogamy) - Hindu Succession Act, 1956 (reformed inheritance) - Hindu Minority and Guardianship Act, 1956 - Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act, 1956 Associating monogamy with the 1955 Act is crucial.

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81. Mohan gets married to his sister's daughter Kriti

(A) The marriage is valid if the custom allows it
(B) The marriage is void
(C) The marriage is valid only if the Court approves it
(D) The marriage is valid only the Panchayat permits

Correct Answer: (A) The marriage is valid if the custom allows it

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question presents a scenario of a man marrying his sister's daughter and asks about its validity under the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955. This relationship falls within the prohibited degrees of relationship.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The relationship between a man and his sister's daughter is a prohibited relationship under Hindu law. **Section 3(g) of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955**, defines "degrees of prohibited relationship." This includes relationships like a man and his brother's wife, or his wife's sister, and importantly, his sister's daughter.
Section 5(iv) of the Act states a condition for a valid Hindu marriage: "**the parties are not within the degrees of prohibited relationship**, unless the custom or usage governing each of them permits of a marriage between the two".
This creates a general bar on such marriages. A marriage solemnized within the prohibited degrees is void under Section 11 of the Act.
However, the section itself provides a crucial exception: "**unless the custom or usage governing each of them permits...**". In many communities in South India, for instance, there is a long-standing and well-established custom that allows a man to marry his sister's daughter. If such a custom can be proven to be valid (ancient, certain, and not opposed to public policy), the marriage would be considered valid despite being within the prohibited degrees.
- Option (B) is incorrect because it ignores the exception for custom.
- Options (C) and (D) are incorrect because the validity depends on established custom, not on the ad-hoc approval of a Court or Panchayat.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The marriage between a man and his sister's daughter, though within the prohibited degrees,

is valid if a governing custom allows for it.

Quick Tip

For questions on marriage conditions under the Hindu Marriage Act (Section 5), remember the two main relationship bars: Sapinda relationship (Section 5(v)) and Prohibited relationship (Section 5(iv)). Both have an explicit exception for established customs.

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82. Within the purview of Water Act, the meaning of Stream is defined as

(A) Includes a river but not a water course
(B) Includes a water course but not a river
(C) Includes river and water course, but not subterranean waters
(D) Includes a river, a water course and subterranean river

Correct Answer: (C) Includes river and water course, but not subterranean waters

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks for the definition of "stream" as provided in the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Section 2(j) of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, defines the term "stream". The definition is inclusive:
"'stream' includes—
(i) **river**;
(ii) **water course** (whether flowing or for the time being dry);
(iii) inland water (whether natural or artificial);
(iv) **sub-terranean waters**;
(v) sea or tidal waters to such extent or, as the case may be, to such point as the State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, specify in this behalf;"
Based on the full text of the definition, a stream includes rivers, water courses, and also subterranean waters. Let's re-examine the options based on this legal definition.
(A) Incorrect.
(B) Incorrect.
(C) Incorrect, as it explicitly excludes subterranean waters, which are included in the legal definition.
(D) The OCR shows "subterranean river". The legal term is "subterranean waters". Assuming this is a typo for "subterranean waters", this option would be the most correct one, as it includes all three elements.

However, let's look at the options as written in the OCR for the AIBE XI exam. There might have been an error in the question paper itself or the provided answer key of that year. The case law *M.C. Mehta v. Union of India (Ganga Pollution Case)* discussed the broad scope of the term. Looking at the options again, (C) is a very specific statement. It is possible that for the purpose of this exam question, there was a focus on an older interpretation or a specific context where subterranean waters were treated differently, although this is contrary to the bare act's text. Let's reconsider the official AIBE XI answer key. The official key for Set B states the answer is (C). This is factually incorrect based on the plain text of Section 2(j) of the Act. The only way to justify (C) is if there was a specific amendment or judicial interpretation being tested, which is not commonly known, or if the question paper had a significant error. Given the likely context of an exam, and accepting the official (but flawed) answer, the logic would be to assume the question is intended to test surface waters only.

Let's proceed with the correct legal answer based on the Act: The definition in Sec 2(j) includes rivers, water courses, and subterranean waters. Therefore, none of the options A, B, or C are fully correct as they make incorrect exclusions. Option D is the closest if we read "subterranean river" as "subterranean waters". Given the flawed nature, if we MUST choose, D is the best fit. But if we must align with a potentially flawed official key that points to C, the reasoning is weak.
Let's assume there is an error in the OCR and option C was "Includes river and water course, and subterranean waters". But as it stands, let's stick to the text. The Act includes subterranean waters. Option (C) excludes them. Therefore, option (C) is definitively wrong. Option (D) includes them (as subterranean river). This is the most plausible choice.
There seems to be a discrepancy between the provided options and the actual law. Assuming the provided solution key for the exam chose (C), it is incorrect as per the bare act. For the purpose of providing a correct solution, let's highlight the error.
Correction based on the Bare Act: The definition in Section 2(j) of the Water Act, 1974 clearly includes subterranean waters. Therefore, option (C) which states "...but not subterranean waters" is legally incorrect. The most accurate option, despite the potential typo, would be (D).
Justification if Answer is (C): There is no clear legal justification for (C). It directly contradicts the text of the law. An exam maker might have made a mistake.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Based on a literal reading of Section 2(j) of the Water Act, 1974, the definition of 'stream' includes rivers, water courses, and subterranean waters. Therefore, the provided options are flawed. The closest correct option would be (D), assuming 'subterranean river' means 'subterranean waters'. The stated answer (C) in many answer keys is legally incorrect.

Quick Tip

When studying for exams, always rely on the bare act's text for definitions. Be aware that sometimes exam questions or answer keys can be flawed. For the Water Act, remember that the definition of 'stream' is very broad and includes surface water, inland water, and groundwater (subterranean waters).

83. The word 'Ombudsman' is derived from

(A) French administration
(B) British Administration
(C) Swedish Administration
(D) German Administration

Correct Answer: (C) Swedish Administration

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks for the origin of the term and concept of 'Ombudsman'. An ombudsman is an official appointed to investigate individuals' complaints against maladministration, especially that of public authorities.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The institution of the Ombudsman originated in **Sweden**. The Swedish Parliament appointed a 'Justitieombudsman' (Ombudsman for Justice) in **1809**.
The word 'Ombudsman' is of Swedish origin and literally means "representative" or "agent." This official was appointed to act as a representative of the people to supervise the functioning of the public administration and protect citizens from administrative injustice.
The concept was later adopted by many other countries around the world. In India, the equivalent institutions are the Lokpal (at the central level) and the Lokayukta (at the state level).

Step 3: Final Answer:
The word and institution of 'Ombudsman' are derived from Swedish administration.

Quick Tip

Associate "Ombudsman" with its origin: Sweden, 1809. This was the first country to establish such an independent institution to check administrative excesses. In the Indian context, link it to the Lokpal and Lokayukta.

84. Under Section 3 of the Commission of Inquiry Act 1952, an Inquiry Commission is appointed by

(A) Central government or State government
(B) Union Public Service Commission
(C) State Public commission
(D) Supreme Court of India

Correct Answer: (A) Central government or State government

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks who has the authority to appoint a Commission of Inquiry under the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Section 3 of the Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1952, is titled "Appointment of Commission." It states:
"The **appropriate Government** may, if it is of opinion that it is necessary so to do, and shall, if a resolution in this behalf is passed by the House of the People or, as the case may be, the Legislative Assembly of the State, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint a Commission of Inquiry for the purpose of making an inquiry into any definite matter of public importance..."
The term "appropriate Government" is defined in Section 2(a) of the Act. It means:
(i) the **Central Government**, in relation to any matter relatable to any of the entries in List I or List II or List III in the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution; and
(ii) the **State Government**, in relation to any matter relatable to any of the entries in List II or List III of the Seventh Schedule.
This means both the Central Government and the State Governments have the power to appoint a Commission of Inquiry, depending on the subject matter. Therefore, option (A) is correct.

Step 3: Final Answer:
An Inquiry Commission under the 1952 Act is appointed by the appropriate government, which can be either the Central Government or the State Government.

Quick Tip

Commissions of Inquiry are executive functions to investigate matters of public importance. Therefore, the power to appoint them rests with the executive branch of government (Central or State), not with constitutional bodies like the UPSC or the judiciary.

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85. Information Technology Act was enacted in

(A) 1988
(B) 1996
(C) 2000
(D) 2004

Correct Answer: (C) 2000

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks for the year of enactment of the Information Technology Act in India.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The **Information Technology Act, 2000** (also known as the IT Act) is the primary law in India dealing with cybercrime and electronic commerce.
It was enacted by the Parliament of India in the year 2000 to give legal recognition to electronic transactions and to facilitate e-commerce. It was passed on 17th May 2000 and came into force on 17th October 2000.
This Act also made significant amendments to other laws, such as the Indian Penal Code and the Indian Evidence Act, to bring them in line with the digital age. It was later amended significantly by the IT (Amendment) Act, 2008.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The Information Technology Act was enacted in the year 2000.

Quick Tip

The year 2000 is a key milestone for cyber law in India. Remember "Y2K" and the turn of the millennium as the time when the IT Act was enacted to govern the growing digital world.

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86. Government of India passed Information Technology Act in 2000 with objective

(A) To provide legal sanction to all transaction for e-commerce
(B) To facilitate electronic filing of all documents to the government
(C) To amend Indian Penal Code, Indian Evidence Act, to punish the cyber crimes
(D) All of the above

Correct Answer: (D) All of the above

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks about the objectives behind the enactment of the Information Technology Act, 2000.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The Preamble of the Information Technology Act, 2000, provides a clear insight into its objectives. It aims to provide a legal framework for electronic governance by giving recognition to electronic records and digital signatures. The main objectives include:

- **(A) To provide legal sanction to e-commerce:** The Act gives legal recognition to electronic contracts and transactions carried out through electronic means. This is a primary objective to promote e-commerce.
- **(B) To facilitate electronic filing of documents with the government:** The Act enables e-governance by allowing the filing of forms and applications with government bodies in electronic form.
- **(C) To punish cyber crimes:** The Act defines various cyber crimes like hacking, damage to computer systems, and online fraud, and prescribes punishments for them. It also made consequential amendments to the IPC and the Evidence Act to recognize electronic records and evidence.
Since all the listed options are core objectives of the IT Act, 2000, the correct answer is 'All of the above'.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The objectives of the IT Act, 2000, include providing legal sanction for e-commerce, facilitating e-governance, and punishing cyber crimes.

Quick Tip

The IT Act has two main pillars: (1) Promoting and legalizing positive uses of technology (e-commerce, e-governance), and (2) Preventing and punishing negative uses (cybercrime). Any question on its objectives will likely cover both aspects.

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87. The Minimum number of persons required to incorporate a Public Company is

(A) 5
(B) 10
(C) 7
(D) 2

Correct Answer: (C) 7

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks for the minimum number of members (or subscribers to the memorandum) required to form a public limited company under the Companies Act.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The provisions for the formation of a company are laid down in the Companies Act, 2013 (which replaced the Companies Act, 1956). The requirements are consistent in both Acts.
Section 3(1) of the Companies Act, 2013, states that a company may be formed for any lawful purpose by—

(a) **seven or more persons**, where the company to be formed is to be a **public company**;
(b) **two or more persons**, where the company to be formed is to be a **private company**; or
(c) one person, where the company to be formed is to be a One Person Company.
The requirement for a public company is a minimum of seven members.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The minimum number of persons required to incorporate a Public Company is 7.

Quick Tip

Memorize the minimum member requirements for different types of companies: - One Person Company (OPC): 1 member - Private Company: 2 members - Public Company: 7 members

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88. A Private company can commence business as soon as it receives

(A) Certification of incorporation
(B) Letter of intent
(C) Occupation certificate
(D) None of the above

Correct Answer: (A) Certification of incorporation

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks at which stage a private limited company is legally permitted to commence its business operations.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Under the Companies Act, there is a distinction between the requirements for a private company and a public company to commence business.
- For a **Private Company**, the process is simpler. Once the company is registered with the Registrar of Companies (RoC) and the RoC issues the **Certificate of Incorporation**, the company comes into legal existence and is entitled to start its business activities immediately.
- Under the old Companies Act, 1956, a **Public Company** had an additional requirement. After receiving the Certificate of Incorporation, it had to obtain a 'Certificate of Commencement of Business' before it could start its operations. This required fulfilling further conditions, such as securing the minimum subscription. (Note: The Companies Act, 2013 has modified this, now requiring a declaration to be filed).
However, for a private company, the Certificate of Incorporation has always been the key document that allows it to commence business.

Step 3: Final Answer:
A Private company can commence its business as soon as it receives the Certificate of Incorporation.

Quick Tip

Remember the two key certificates in the life of a new company: 1. Certificate of Incorporation: This is the birth certificate of the company. A private company can start business right after this. 2. Certificate of Commencement of Business (under old law): This was an additional step for public companies only.

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89. Which of the following is not an essential of a Contract of Guarantee

(A) Concurrence of three parties
(B) Surety's distinct promise to be answerable
(C) Liabilities to be legally enforceable
(D) Existence of only one contract

Correct Answer: (D) Existence of only one contract

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks to identify which of the given options is not an essential element of a valid Contract of Guarantee under the Indian Contract Act, 1872.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
A contract of guarantee is defined in Section 126 of the Indian Contract Act. It is a contract to perform the promise, or discharge the liability, of a third person in case of his default.
The essential elements are:
1. **Three Parties:** There are three parties involved: the **Principal Debtor** (who owes the liability), the **Creditor** (to whom the liability is owed), and the **Surety** or Guarantor (who gives the guarantee). Their concurrence is essential. So, (A) is an essential.
2. **Primary and Secondary Liability:** There must be a primary liability of the principal debtor. The surety's liability is secondary and arises only on the default of the principal debtor. The surety must make a distinct promise to be answerable for this liability. So, (B) is an essential.
3. **Existing Debt:** There must be a legally enforceable debt or promise for which the guarantee is given. So, (C) is an essential.
4. **Three Contracts:** A contract of guarantee is tripartite in nature and involves three distinct contracts, although they may not all be express:
- Contract between the Creditor and the Principal Debtor.
- Contract between the Surety and the Creditor.
- An implied contract between the Surety and the Principal Debtor (where the principal debtor

is liable to indemnify the surety if the surety has to pay).
Therefore, the statement **(D) Existence of only one contract** is incorrect. There are typically three contracts involved.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The existence of only one contract is not an essential element of a contract of guarantee; in fact, there are three contracts.

Quick Tip

Remember a Contract of Guarantee as a triangle of relationships: Creditor-Debtor, Creditor-Surety, and Surety-Debtor. This implies three parties and three underlying agreements (two express, one implied). Therefore, the idea of "only one contract" is fundamentally wrong.

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90. The term 'Agent' is defined in Indian Contract Act under Section

(A) 180 of the Act
(B) 181 of the Act
(C) 182 of the Act
(D) 183 of the Act

Correct Answer: (C) 182 of the Act

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks for the specific section of the Indian Contract Act, 1872, that defines the term 'Agent'.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Chapter X of the Indian Contract Act, 1872, deals with the law of Agency (Sections 182 to 238).
- **Section 182** of the Act provides the definitions for 'Agent' and 'Principal'. It states:
"An **'agent'** is a person employed to do any act for another, or to represent another in dealings with third persons. The person for whom such act is done, or who is so represented, is called the 'principal'."
This is the foundational definition for the entire chapter on agency.
- Section 180 deals with sub-agents.
- Section 181 deals with the agent's authority to name another person.
- Section 183 specifies who may employ an agent (a person of the age of majority and sound mind).

Step 3: Final Answer:
The term 'Agent' is defined under Section 182 of the Indian Contract Act, 1872.

Quick Tip

The chapter on Agency begins at Section 182. It's common for the first section of a chapter in the Contract Act to provide the core definitions. Remembering that 182 kicks off the Agency chapter is a good way to recall this specific definition.

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91. What is the maximum number of partners in Banking business

(A) Eight
(B) Ten
(C) Twelve
(D) Sixteen

Correct Answer: (B) Ten

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks for the maximum number of partners allowed in a partnership firm engaged in the banking business. This question is based on the law as it stood for many years under the Companies Act, 1956, and the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The rules regarding the maximum number of partners in a firm were historically governed by the Companies Act.
- **Section 11 of the Companies Act, 1956**, prohibited associations or partnerships consisting of more than a certain number of persons for the purpose of carrying on any business that has for its object the acquisition of gain, unless it is registered as a company.
- The section itself specified a limit of 20 persons for ordinary businesses.
- However, for a partnership carrying on **banking business**, the limit was specified as **ten persons**. This was a specific rule for the banking sector.
Important Note: The Companies Act, 2013, has changed this landscape. Section 464 of the 2013 Act now prescribes a maximum limit of 100 partners (which the Central Government has currently set at 50 via rules) for any business, and it does not make a separate distinction for banking business. However, a question from a 2017 exam paper would still be testing the older, well-established rule. Based on the law prevalent for decades, the answer is 10.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Under the long-standing provisions of company law applicable before the full implementation of the 2013 Act, the maximum number of partners in a firm carrying on banking business was ten.

Quick Tip

Remember the old rule that was tested for decades: Maximum partners for a normal partnership = 20; for a banking partnership = 10. Be aware that the new Companies Act, 2013 has changed this to a general limit (currently 50) without a special rule for banking.

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92. A person who gives the guarantee is called

(A) Bailee
(B) Creditor
(C) Debtor
(D) Surety

Correct Answer: (D) Surety

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks for the legal term for the person who provides a guarantee in a contract of guarantee.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Section 126 of the Indian Contract Act, 1872, defines the parties to a contract of guarantee. It states:
"A 'contract of guarantee' is a contract to perform the promise, or discharge the liability, of a third person in case of his default. The person who gives the guarantee is called the **'surety'**; the person in respect of whose default the guarantee is given is called the 'principal debtor', and the person to whom the guarantee is given is called the 'creditor'."
This definition explicitly names the guarantor as the 'surety'.
- A **Bailee (A)** is a person to whom goods are delivered under a contract of bailment.
- A **Creditor (B)** is the person to whom the guarantee is given.
- A **Debtor (C)** (or Principal Debtor) is the person whose liability is guaranteed.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The person who gives the guarantee is called the Surety.

Quick Tip

Memorize the three parties in a contract of guarantee: - Principal Debtor: Owes the debt. - Creditor: Is owed the debt. - Surety: Guarantees the payment of the debt. (Make sure you are 'sure' - this helps remember 'surety').

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93. Which is not a right of an unpaid seller against the goods

(A) Lien
(B) Stoppage in transit
(C) Right of resale
(D) To ascertain price

Correct Answer: (D) To ascertain price

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks to identify which of the given options is not a right of an unpaid seller against the goods themselves, as provided under the Sale of Goods Act, 1930.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
An unpaid seller is one who has not been paid the full price of the goods sold. Chapter V of the Sale of Goods Act, 1930 (Sections 45 to 54) deals with the "Rights of Unpaid Seller against the Goods."
Section 46(1) of the Act lists the three main rights of an unpaid seller against the goods:
(a) A **lien** on the goods for the price while he is in possession of them;
(b) In case of the insolvency of the buyer, a right of **stopping the goods in transit** after he has parted with the possession of them;
(c) A **right of re-sale** as limited by this Act.
These are the three primary remedies the seller has concerning the goods themselves.
- **(D) To ascertain price:** The ascertainment of price is a part of the formation of the contract of sale (Section 9 and 10), not a remedy or a right that arises after the seller becomes an unpaid seller. The price is already determined by the contract. This is not a right against the goods.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The right to ascertain the price is not a right of an unpaid seller against the goods.

Quick Tip

Remember the three key rights of an unpaid seller against the goods: Lien, Stoppage in Transit, and Resale. These are the seller's ways of retaining or reclaiming the goods when the buyer defaults on payment.

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94. Sections 36 to 42 of Specific Relief Act provides

(A) Injunctions
(B) Court's discretion on specific performance
(C) Cancellation of instruments

(D) None of the above

Correct Answer: (A) Injunctions

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks to identify the type of relief covered in Sections 36 to 42 of the Specific Relief Act, 1963.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The Specific Relief Act, 1963, is structured into different parts, each dealing with a specific type of relief.
- Part I is Preliminary.
- Part II deals with Specific Performance of Contracts (Sections 9 to 25). Option (B) falls here.
- Part III deals with various other reliefs.
Let's look at the chapters within Part III:
- Chapter V: Rectification of Instruments (Section 26).
- Chapter VI: Rescission of Contracts (Sections 27 to 30).
- Chapter VII: **Cancellation of Instruments** (Sections 31 to 33). Option (C) falls here.
- Chapter VIII: Declaratory Decrees (Sections 34 to 35).
- Part IV deals with Preventive Relief. This part has only one chapter:
- Chapter IX: **Injunctions Generally** (**Sections 36 to 42**). This chapter covers the nature of preventive relief, temporary and perpetual injunctions, and when they can be granted or refused.
Therefore, Sections 36 to 42 are dedicated to the topic of injunctions.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Sections 36 to 42 of the Specific Relief Act, 1963, provide for the relief of Injunctions.

Quick Tip

To master the Specific Relief Act, create a mental map of its structure: Part II is Specific Performance, and Part III covers Rectification, Rescission, Cancellation, and Declarations. The final part is Preventive Relief, which means Injunctions (Sections 36-42).

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95. Section 154 under IT Act is

(A) For filing return of Income
(B) For filing return with late fee
(C) Rectification of mistakes
(D) Appeal against the order passed by the ITO

Correct Answer: (C) Rectification of mistakes

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks about the purpose of Section 154 of the Income Tax Act, 1961. Note: The question mistakenly refers to the "IT Act," which usually means Information Technology Act, but the options clearly relate to the Income Tax Act.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Let's analyze the relevant sections of the Income Tax Act, 1961:
- **Section 154** is titled "**Rectification of mistake**." This section gives the income-tax authority the power to amend any order passed by it to rectify any mistake apparent from the record. This can be done on the authority's own motion or when a mistake is brought to its notice by the assessee. This perfectly matches **option (C)**.
- **(A) For filing return of Income:** This is primarily dealt with under Section 139.
- **(B) For filing return with late fee:** The consequences of late filing, including fees, are covered under sections like 234F.
- **(D) Appeal against the order passed by the ITO:** Appeals are dealt with in a separate chapter of the Act, starting from Section 246 (Appeal to the Commissioner (Appeals)).

Step 3: Final Answer:
Section 154 of the Income Tax Act deals with the rectification of mistakes.

Quick Tip

In the Income Tax Act, remember the key procedural sections by their function: 139 (Filing Return), 143 (Scrutiny Assessment), 144 (Best Judgment Assessment), 147/148 (Income Escaping Assessment), and 154 (Rectification).

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96. Which of the following is not included in the Capital Asset under Section 2 (14) of Income Tax Act,

(A) Any stock in Trade
(B) Special Bearer Bonds 1991 issued by Central Government
(C) (a) and (b)
(D) None of the above

Correct Answer: (C) (a) and (b)

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks to identify which of the items listed are explicitly excluded from the defini-

tion of a 'Capital Asset' as per Section 2(14) of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Section 2(14) of the Income Tax Act defines "capital asset" very broadly as "property of any kind held by an assessee, whether or not connected with his business or profession."
However, the section then provides a list of specific exclusions. It says, "but does not include—"
(i) any **stock-in-trade**, consumable stores or raw materials held for the purposes of his business or profession;
(ii) personal effects (movable property held for personal use), with some exceptions;
(iii) agricultural land in India, not being land situated in specified urban areas;
(iv) 6.5 per cent Gold Bonds, 1977, or 7 per cent Gold Bonds, 1980, or National Defence Gold Bonds, 1980, issued by the Central Government;
(v) **Special Bearer Bonds, 1991**, issued by the Central Government;
(vi) Gold Deposit Bonds issued under the Gold Deposit Scheme, 1999.
Let's analyze the options:
- **(A) Any stock in Trade:** This is explicitly excluded by sub-clause (i). Profit from the sale of stock-in-trade is treated as business income, not capital gains.
- **(B) Special Bearer Bonds 1991 issued by Central Government:** This is explicitly excluded by sub-clause (v).
Since both (A) and (B) are excluded from the definition of a capital asset, the correct option is (C), which states that both (a) and (b) are not included.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Both stock-in-trade and Special Bearer Bonds, 1991, are not included in the definition of a Capital Asset under Section 2(14) of the Income Tax Act.

Quick Tip

The most important exclusion from the definition of "Capital Asset" to remember is stock-in-trade. This is because the profit from selling stock is business income (taxed under "Profits and Gains of Business or Profession"), while profit from selling a capital asset is "Capital Gains." This distinction is fundamental to income tax law.

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97. The language which is to be used in the arbitral proceedings is decided by

(A) The Tribunal
(B) Parties to decide by mutual understanding
(C) The petitioner
(D) The Defendant

Correct Answer: (B) Parties to decide by mutual understanding

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks who determines the language to be used in arbitration proceedings under the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The principle of party autonomy is central to arbitration. This means the parties have the freedom to decide many aspects of the procedure.
Section 22 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, is titled "Language."
- Section 22(1) states: "The **parties are free to agree upon the language or languages to be used** in the arbitral proceedings."
This gives the primary power to the parties to decide by mutual agreement.
- Section 22(2) provides a default rule: "**Failing any such agreement, the arbitral tribunal shall determine** the language or languages to be used in the arbitral proceedings."
So, the power first rests with the parties. Only if they fail to agree does the power shift to the arbitral tribunal. The petitioner or defendant alone cannot decide.
Given the options, option (B) represents the primary rule and the first choice under the Act.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The language to be used in arbitral proceedings is primarily decided by the parties through mutual understanding.

Quick Tip

Remember the golden rule of arbitration: Party Autonomy First. For most procedural questions in arbitration (place of arbitration, language, applicable law, number of arbitrators), the first answer is always "whatever the parties agree upon." The tribunal's power is usually a default power that applies only when the parties have not agreed.

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98. The Arbitral proceeding shall stand terminated

(A) On making of the final award
(B) By an order of the arbitral tribunal
(C) When the parties to the dispute agrees to terminate proceedings
(D) All of the above

Correct Answer: (D) All of the above

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks about the ways in which arbitral proceedings can be terminated under the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Section 32 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, deals with the "Termination of proceedings."
- **Section 32(1)** states: "The arbitral proceedings shall be terminated by the **final arbitral award**...". This corresponds to **option (A)**. This is the normal way for proceedings to end.
- **Section 32(2)** provides other ways for termination. It states that the arbitral tribunal shall issue an order for the termination of the arbitral proceedings where—
(a) the claimant withdraws his claim;
(b) the **parties agree on the termination** of the proceedings; this corresponds to **option (C)**.
(c) the tribunal finds that the continuation of the proceedings has for any other reason become unnecessary or impossible.
An order issued by the tribunal under Section 32(2) terminates the proceedings. This covers the general idea in **option (B)**. For example, if the parties jointly inform the tribunal that they agree to terminate, the tribunal will issue an order to that effect.
Since the proceedings can be terminated by the final award, by agreement of the parties (formalized by a tribunal's order), or by an order of the tribunal for other reasons, all the listed options represent valid methods of termination.

Step 3: Final Answer:
The arbitral proceedings can be terminated by the making of the final award, by an order of the tribunal, or by agreement of the parties.

Quick Tip

Think of the ways a case can end: (1) Normal way: Final judgment (Final Award), (2) Parties agree to stop (Settlement/Agreement), (3) Court/Tribunal dismisses it for some reason (Order of the Tribunal). Section 32 of the Arbitration Act covers all these possibilities.

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99. Every Award of a Lok Adalat is deemed to be a

(A) Order of district collector
(B) Order of Income Tax Commissioner
(C) Decree of a Civil Court
(D) (a) and (b)

Correct Answer: (C) Decree of a Civil Court

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks about the legal status or enforceability of an award passed by a Lok Adalat

under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
Lok Adalats are alternative dispute resolution forums that help parties reach a compromise or settlement. The legal effect of their award is crucial.
Section 21(1) of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, deals with the award of the Lok Adalat. It states:
"**Every award of the Lok Adalat shall be deemed to be a decree of a civil court** or, as the case may be, an order of any other court and where a compromise or settlement has been arrived at, by a Lok Adalat in a case referred to it under sub-section (1) of section 20, the court-fee paid in such case shall be refunded..."
This provision gives the award of the Lok Adalat the same legal sanctity and enforceability as a decree passed by a civil court. This means it can be executed through a court of law just like a regular court decree.
- Options (A) and (B) are incorrect as the award is not equated to an executive order of a collector or an order of a tax authority. It is equated to a judicial decree.
Furthermore, Section 21(2) makes the award final and binding, and states that no appeal shall lie to any court against the award.

Step 3: Final Answer:
Every award of a Lok Adalat is deemed to be a decree of a Civil Court.

Quick Tip

The power and effectiveness of Lok Adalats come from the fact that their awards are not mere suggestions. The law gives them the "teeth" of a civil court decree (enforceable) and the finality of a compromise (no appeal). Remember: Lok Adalat Award = Civil Court Decree.

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100. The Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996, Section 18-27 states

(A) The Conducting of Arbitral Proceedings
(B) Receipt and Written Communications
(C) Extent of judicial intervention
(D) Awarding final decision

Correct Answer: (A) The Conducting of Arbitral Proceedings

Solution:

Step 1: Understanding the Concept:
The question asks to identify the subject matter covered by the group of sections from 18 to 27 in the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.

Step 2: Detailed Explanation:
The Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, is divided into several parts and chapters. Let's look at the structure of Part I, which deals with domestic arbitration.
- Chapter I: General Provisions (Sections 1-6). Option (C) "Extent of judicial intervention" is Section 5, which falls here.
- Chapter II: Arbitration Agreement (Sections 7-9).
- Chapter III: Composition of Arbitral Tribunal (Sections 10-15).
- Chapter IV: Jurisdiction of Arbitral Tribunals (Sections 16-17).
- **Chapter V: Conduct of Arbitral Proceedings (Sections 18-27).** This chapter deals with the procedural aspects of how arbitration is conducted. It includes provisions on:
- Section 18: Equal treatment of parties.
- Section 19: Determination of rules of procedure.
- Section 20: Place of arbitration.
- Section 21: Commencement of proceedings.
- Section 22: Language.
- Section 23: Statements of claim and defence.
- Section 24: Hearings and written proceedings.
- Section 25: Default of a party.
- Section 26: Expert appointed by the tribunal.
- Section 27: Court assistance in taking evidence.
This entire range of sections clearly pertains to the conduct of the proceedings.
- Option (B) is covered in Section 3.
- Option (D) is dealt with in Chapter VI: Making of Arbitral Award and Termination of Proceedings (Sections 28-33).

Step 3: Final Answer:
Sections 18 to 27 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, are contained in Chapter V, which deals with the Conducting of Arbitral Proceedings.

Quick Tip

Creating a chapter-wise summary of important acts is a great study technique. For the Arbitration Act (Part I), remember the flow: General Rules -¿ Agreement -¿ Tribunal Composition -¿ Tribunal Jurisdiction -¿ Conduct of Proceedings -¿ Award and Termination.
