Arunachal Pradesh Judicial Service Grade III (Mains) 2025

Paper IV · Law II · compulsory paper

9 November 2025 · 100 marks · 3 hours · answer choices as printed

Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 — answer any six (5 × 6 = 30)

1. What are salient features of offence of causing death by rash and negligent act under IPC? What changes brought by BNS? How do you assess new changes?

2. Short note on section 498A IPC including Explanation. Has BNS brought any change?

3. Explain actus non facit reum nisi mens sit rea and relevance in IPC.

4. Difference between common intention and common object under IPC?

5. How is Theft defined under BNS? Explain when Theft becomes Robbery and Extortion becomes Robbery under IPC.

6. Brief notes (each topic carries 2 marks as printed)

6(a) Community service as punishment under BNS.

6(b) Criminal conspiracy under IPC.

6(c) House-trespass and house-breaking under BNS.

7. Explain right of private defence under IPC. When does it extend to voluntarily causing death?

8. Essential ingredients of cheating under IPC? Can commercial transaction have element of cheating?

Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 and Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 — answer any six (5 × 6 = 30)

9. Explain rights of an arrested person guaranteed under BNSS.

10. What constitutes complaint under section 2(d) CrPC and how does it differ from information given to police in FIR?

11. Hierarchy of Criminal Courts under BNSS?

12. Key considerations for regular bail application under section 437 CrPC/480 BNSS?

13. Note on maintenance to wives, children and parents under section 125 CrPC / section 144 BNSS.

14. Time limitation for taking cognizance of certain offences under CrPC?

15. Explain Zero FIR and significance as formally defined under BNSS.

16. Explain deemed sanction under BNSS in context of prosecuting public servants.

Indian Evidence Act, 1872 and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023 — answer any six (5 × 6 = 30)

17. Difference between May Presume, Shall Presume and Conclusive Proof under Evidence Act.

18. Explain res gestae under BSA.

19. Explain legal principle behind plea of alibi under section 11 Evidence Act.

20. Prescribed order of examination of witnesses under Evidence Act? Define Leading Question and state when generally permissible.

21. How has BSA broadened definition of document compared to Evidence Act? [Following sentence struck through on original: Briefly explain electronic record as form of evidence under BSA.]

22. Distinction between primary and secondary electronic evidence under BSA? Conditions for information stored electronically to be admissible?

23. Explain burden of proof and allocation in criminal trial under BSA.

24. Section 24 BSA addresses confession by one accused against co-accused in joint trial. How does BSA clarify evidentiary value compared to Evidence Act judicial interpretations?

Law of Torts — answer any two (5 × 2 = 10)

25. Fundamental distinction between tort and crime in Indian law?

26. Doctrine of contributory negligence and effect on plaintiff's claim for damages?

27. Explain nuisance and distinguish public and private nuisance.

28. What constitutes defamation? Distinguish libel and slander.