West Bengal Judicial Service (Mains) 2020

Hindu Law · optional paper

Time: 3 hours · Full marks: 100

Group A: answer Question No. 1 and any two from the rest

1. (a) "Hindus are born as well as made." — Justify the statement with reasons.
(b) Define Legislation as a Source of Hindu Law. Mention some of the important Legislations of Hindu Law.
(c) Explain Equity, Justice and Good Conscience as a Source of Hindu Law. (8+6+6=20)

2. (a) Discuss "Cruelty" and "Conversion to another religion" as grounds of divorce under the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955.
(b) Explain the concept of Fair Trial Rule. (10+5=15)

3. (a) Discuss the provision regarding the Restitution of Conjugal Rights under the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955.
(b) What are the special grounds of Divorce available to the wife only under the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955? (8+7=15)

4. (a) How does the succession pass when a certain heir is disqualified?
(b) Explain the provisions relating to right of absolute property of women under Hindu Succession Act, 1956. (5+10=15)

Group B: answer Question No. 5 and any two from the rest

5. Write short notes on any four: (a) Stridhan; (b) Sapinda Relationship; (c) Registration of Hindu Marriage; (d) Custody of Children; (e) Void and Voidable Marriage (5×4=20)

6. (a) Discuss the powers of Marriage Officer in respect of objections to special marriage under the Special Marriage Act, 1954.
(b) What are the grounds of divorce under the Special Marriage Act? (8+7=15)

7. (a) What do you mean by 'Adoption'? Discuss the requisites of a valid adoption under the Hindu Adoption and Maintenance Act, 1956.
(b) What are the provisions regarding maintenance of wife under the Hindu Adoption and Maintenance Act, 1956? (8+7=15)

8. (a) What are the criteria of determining the award of maintenance amount by the Court?
(b) Discuss the 'Maintenance of illegitimate children' under Hindu Adoption and Maintenance Act, 1956.
(c) Whether registration is necessary for a Valid Adoption? Discuss. (5+5+5=15)