West Bengal Judicial Service (Mains) 2021

Hindu Law · optional paper

Time: 3 hours · Full marks: 100

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

1. (a) Write an explanatory note on two main schools of Hindu Law and state the distinctions between them.
(b) Write a brief note on requirements of a valid custom as a source of Hindu law. (15+5=20)

2. (a) Explain the general rules of succession and distribution of property between the heirs of a male Hindu dying intestate.
(b) X, a Hindu, dies leaving behind his mother, father, widow, one daughter, one son. How will you divide his self-acquired property among the afore-mentioned heirs under the Hindu Succession Act, 1956? (10+5=15)

3. (a) Explain the conditions for valid Hindu marriage under the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955.
(b) Explain the provisions of Hindu Marriage Act, 1955 on void and voidable marriages. (8+7=15)

4. Briefly explain the various grounds of divorce under the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955. (15)

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

5. Write short notes on any four: (a) Escheat; (b) 'Streedhan' and Women's Estate; (c) Effects of Adoption; (d) Doctrine of Relation back; (e) Custody of children (5×4=20)

6. (a) Who are the persons who may be adopted?
(b) Discuss the essential conditions for a valid adoption as provided under the Hindu Adoption and Maintenance Act, 1956. (5+10=15)

7. (a) Discuss the provisions regarding natural guardianship of a Hindu minor and of an adopted son.
(b) What are the powers of such guardian as provided under the Hindu Minority and Guardianship Act, 1956? (6+9=15)

8. Discuss the provisions under the Hindu Adoptions and Maintenance Act, 1956 regarding Maintenance of Wife and Dependants. (15)