# West Bengal Judicial Service (Mains) 2022

**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) Describe the ancient and modern sources of Hindu Law.
(b) Examine the importance of 'Dharma' under Hindu Law. (15+5)

2. (a) Do you think that the provision of "Restitution of Conjugal Rights" is an intention to preserve the institution of marriage? — Justify your answer with suitable judicial decisions.
(b) Draw a distinction between Judicial Separation and Divorce under the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955. (8+7)

3. (a) Explain the rules of succession and distribution of property among heirs of a female Hindu dying intestate under the Hindu Succession Act, 1956.
(b) Describe the concept of 'Streedhan' and 'Women's Estate'. (10+5)

4. (a) Discuss the capacity of male Hindu to take in adoption under Hindu Adoption and Maintenance Act, 1956.
(b) 'X' a male Hindu aged about 35 years wants to adopt a girl child of 15 years. Can 'X' take the child in adoption?
(c) 'P' a female Hindu wants to adopt 'D', a married girl. Can 'P' adopt 'D'?
(d) What are the effects of adoption? (5+2+2+6)

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

5. Write short notes on any four: (a) Factum Valet; (b) Prohibited Degrees of marriage; (c) Alimony Pendente-lite & Permanent Alimony; (d) Agnate, cognate, full blood, half blood and uterine blood; (e) Dependants (5×4=20)

6. (a) What are the grounds of Divorce under Special Marriage Act, 1954?
(b) Describe the process of registration of marriages under the Special Marriage Act, 1954. (8+7)

7. (a) Describe different types of guardian under the Hindu Minority and Guardianship Act, 1956.
(b) Discuss the powers of a testamentary guardian under Hindu Minority and Guardianship Act, 1956. (5+10)

8. (a) State the provisions of Hindu Adoption and Maintenance Act, 1956 relating to maintenance of children, aged parents and widowed-daughter-in-law.
(b) Can the amount of maintenance be altered? Give reasons. (10+5)