

**DECEMBER 2019**  
**CONSTITUTIONAL LAW - I**  
**(2018 AND 2019 BATCH)**

**UNIT - I**

1. a) Explain the salient features of Indian Constitution.

OR

- a) What is meant by citizenship? Explain the mode of acquisition and termination of citizenship.  
b) Write a note on 'Constitutionalism'.

OR

- b) Can preamble be amended?

**UNIT - II**

2. a) Define the term 'State'. Explain with the help of judicial decisions the need for widening the definition of 'State'.

OR

- a) Article 14 permits reasonable classification but prohibits class legislation'. Explain the test and grounds of classification with the help of decided cases.  
b) Write a note on 'Doctrine of Severability'

OR

- b) The State of Kerala imposed taxes on cooked food sold in the luxury hotels, but exempted from tax on food sold in modest eating houses. The object of imposing tax was to raise revenue by taxing on sale of costlier food in luxury hotels. This was challenged by the hotel and restaurant association as discriminatory and arbitrary. Will they succeed?

**UNIT -III**

3. a) Discuss the provisions of Article 16 of the Indian Constitution relating to opportunity for all citizens in matters of employment or appointment under the State.

OR

- a) Explain the different dimensions of Freedom of Speech and Expression with the help of decided cases.  
b) After due consideration and in order to provide employment opportunities to younger sections of the society, the Government, by passing Public Employment (Regulations of Conditions of Service) Act reduced the age of retirement of all Government employees from 60 to 58 years. This was challenged as violative of Article 14 of the Constitution. Decide.

OR

- b) Write a note on 'Constitutional Provisions on Untouchability'.

#### **UNIT – IV**

4. a) “No person shall be deprived of his life or personal liberty except according to procedure established by law”. Explain this statement with reference to various facets of life and liberty.

OR

- a) Explain the constitutional safeguards available to an accused person under the Indian Constitution.  
b) Write a note on “Preventive Detention Laws”.

OR

- b) An Atheist Society of India filed a writ of Mandamus praying for a direction to the State Government to prohibit breaking of coconuts, performing poojas, chanting of mantras or suras of different religions at state functions on the ground that India is a secular state and it has nothing to do with any religion. Can it succeed?

#### **UNIT – V**

5. a) Explain the various types of writs contemplated under the Indian Constitution.

OR

- a) Critically explain the controversy between the Fundamental Rights and Directive Principles of State Policy.  
b) Write a note on ‘Right to Property Position prior to 1978 and present’.

OR

- b) The Government of Mumbai issued an order banning admission of those candidates whose language was not English into schools having English as a medium of instruction. An educational society challenged the order on the ground that the Government denied admission solely on the ground of language. Can it succeed?