

**GUJARAT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY
GANDHINAGAR**

Course: Social Policy and Legislation
Semester-III (Batch: 2019-24)

End Semester Online Examination: December 2020

Date: 27th December, 2020

Duration: 8 hours

Max. Marks: 50

Instructions:

- The respective marks for each question are indicated in-line.
- Indicate correct question numbers in front of the answer.
- No questions or clarification can be sought during the exam period, answer as it is, giving reason, if any.

- Q.1 The third sector (developmental organisations) or social service systems are critical to address both contemporary issues and ensure social welfare and protection of vulnerable populations by improving access to vital services, including healthcare, nutrition, education, legal protection, psychosocial support, economic strengthening, skills-building, etc. Despite of their growing prominence and contribution (including the for-profit/not-for-profit social entrepreneurship as one of the significant sector), there is limited understanding about their current state, size, scope and legal framework. To fill this gap, you have done a small 'Mapping Exercise'; so as to map public and private sector initiatives, activities and eco-systems in a specific state, under a specific theme (like: Education, CC&DRR, Food and Nutrition Security, Livelihood, Health). Marks
(4x5=20)
- By using your own data gathered as part of the 'Mapping Exercise', answer the following:
- i. Identify the specific policy/goals which apply or fit in the context of your theme.
 - ii. Analyse the data and state how does the private sector initiatives are contributing towards realising the sustainable development goals? (Please state the specific SDG(s) and targets you are referring to).
 - iii. Briefly discuss how far does the policy or legal framework and ecosystem affect the activities/scope/reach of third sector organisations?
 - iv. Enlist five major observations and findings from your data/research.
 - v. Suggest a way forward, as recommendations for facilitating a positive ecosystem for the third sector organisations.
- Q.2 *"The difficult times, especially those considered as humanitarian crisis, like that of current pandemic are testing time for gauging the relevance and effectiveness of existing policies/legislations as well".* In light of this statement and current crisis, critically examine the relevance of social policies and legislations aimed towards prevention of crime against women. (10)
- Q.3 Critically evaluate the **Mental Healthcare Act, 2017** from gender perspective. Briefly discuss its implications for health care delivery or response during humanitarian crisis. (10)
- Q.4 Discuss the impact of the covid-19 pandemic on lives of children. Further, analyse the law/policy implicitly or explicitly related to child rights in this context. (10)
