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GANDHINAGAR**

Course: Legal History  
Semester- I (Batch: 2020-25)

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Date: 08<sup>th</sup> February, 2021

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.
- Prescribed Word Limit: (5 Marks: 500-600 words), (10 Marks: 1200-1400 words).

Q.1 Critically examine the following statement of John Strachy:

*"Cornwallis was faced with two difficult tasks to simplify the complicated and expensive machinery of administration of justice and to uproot corruption from the Company's servants in administration. Although much had been done by Warren Hastings to perform and organize branches of the public service, the main foundations of the existing administration of justice in India were laid in the time of Lord Cornwallis."*

Marks  
(5x3=  
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- a) What has been done by Warren Hastings and why was he impeached?
- b) Was the machinery of administration of justice really complicated? Rationalise your answer.
- c) What was the machinery of administration of justice in those days?

Q.2 The English justice system was always pragmatic even in their own country and necessarily in India. Some of the rules which were evolved to protect the ruler were certainly not conducive for a proper administration of justice. The British period and development of law constituted a major and fundamental breakthrough from our past practices and traditions.

(5x3=  
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In the light of the above statement, illustrate:

- a) "pragmatic nature",
- b) "not being conducive for a proper administration of justice",
- c) "major and fundamental breakthrough".

Q.3 Critically evaluate the contribution of Indian natives to the modernization of law in India. (10)

Q.4 The making of the Indian Constitution was instrumented much earlier than the formation of the Constituent Assembly. (10)

In the light of the above statement, identify, prepare and write in a chart form-the genealogical record of events contributing towards the development of the Constitution of India with their prominent characteristics related to the constitutional developments.

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