

**GUJARAT NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY  
GANDHINAGAR**

**Course: Legal History of India  
Semester-II (Batch: 2016-21)**

**Mid Semester Test: Feb-Mar. 2017**

**Date: 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2017**

**Duration: 2 hours**

**Max. Marks: 30**

**Instructions:**

- Read the questions properly and write the answers in the given answer book.
- The respective marks for each question are indicated in-line.
- Do not write any thing on the question paper.
- Indicate correct question numbers in front of the answers.
- No questions or clarifications can be sought during the exam period, answer as it is, giving reason, if any.

Answer **any three** of the following questions:

**Marks**  
(3x10  
=30)

- Q.1 The colonial era in India began in 1502, when the Portuguese Empire established the first European trading centre at Kollam, Kerala. The Dutch East India Company established trading posts in different parts, along the Indian coast. English people came to India as a body of Merchants. On 31 December 1600 Queen Elizabeth granted a Charter to the Company which incorporated the London East India Company. Thus the Company became a juristic person with the exclusive privilege of trade with the East Indies. Courtenay Peregrine Ilbert stated it as "the germ out of which the Anglo Indian Code ultimately developed".
- (a) Which charter or charters empowered the company to govern all the servants of the company in India?
- (b) Discuss how company secured their right to govern by their own laws in India?
- (c) Discuss the standard of justice during the early administration of India.
- Q.2 Mention sources of medieval legal system and critically examine the standard of justice in Medieval India
- Q.3 Critically examine the Judicial Charter of 1726 and its legacy on the development of English Law in India
- Q.4 Illustrate the sustainable development in law and governance by inspecting and analyzing ancient Indian legal system of India.

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