

# Faculty of Science

## End Semester Examination May 2025

### FS3CO18 Criminal Law

<b>Programme</b>	:	B. Sc. (Hons.)	<b>Branch/Specialisation</b>	:	FS
<b>Duration</b>	:	3 hours	<b>Maximum Marks</b>	:	60

**Note:** All questions are compulsory. Internal choices, if any, are indicated. Assume suitable data if necessary.  
 Notations and symbols have their usual meaning.

#### Section 1 (Answer all question(s))

**Marks CO BL**  
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**Q1.** Which of the following is a primary function of the Court of Law in India?

<b>Rubric</b>	<b>Marks</b>
Enforcing fundamental rights	1

- Enforcing fundamental rights       Conducting government audits  
 Drafting new laws       Reviewing economic policies

**Q2.** Under the Indian Constitution, which of the following is not a fundamental right?

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<b>Rubric</b>	<b>Marks</b>
Right to Property	1

- Right to equality       Right to property  
 Right to freedom       Right against exploitation

**Q3.** Under the Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita (BNS) 2023, which section deals with the death penalty?

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<b>Rubric</b>	<b>Marks</b>
Section 4	1

- Section 5       Section 7  
 Section 4       Section 8

**Q4.** Under which section of the Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita (BNS) 2023 is solitary confinement mentioned?

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<b>Rubric</b>	<b>Marks</b>
Sections 11 and 12	1

- Sections 5A and 5B       Sections 11 and 12  
 Sections 9 and 10       Sections 39 and 41

**Q5.** What is the key difference between robbery and dacoity under BNS 2023?

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Rubric	Marks
Dacoity involves five or more persons, while robbery can be committed by a single person	1

- Robbery involves force, while dacoity does not involved
- Robbery is a bailable offense, while dacoity is non-bailable
- Dacoity involves five or more persons, while robbery can be committed by a single person
- Dacoity only involves theft, while robbery involves cheating

**Q6.** Under the BNS 2023, which section covers counterfeiting of currency notes?

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Rubric	Marks
Section 178	1

Section 303       Section 318  
 Section 178       Section 336

**Q7.** What does Section 326 of the BNSS, 2023 primarily deal with?

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Rubric	Marks
The deposition of a civil surgeon or other medical witness	1

The deposition of a civil surgeon or other medical witness       Use of electronic evidence in trials  
 Power to compel the attendance of witnesses       Procedure for the arrest of accused persons

**Q8.** Which section of the BSA, 2023 deals with the admissibility of oral evidence?

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Rubric	Marks
Section 26	1

Section 54       Section 52  
 Section 140       Section 162

**Q9.** What is the main purpose of a dying declaration in criminal cases?

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Rubric	Marks
To present the statement of a person on their deathbed regarding the cause of their death	1

- To provide a written record of the deceased's last wishes
- To record the opinion of a witness about the deceased
- To present the statement of a person on their deathbed regarding the cause of their death
- To introduce hearsay evidence into court proceedings

**Q10.** Which of the following is a characteristic of a summary trial?

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Rubric	Marks
It is conducted quickly with simplified procedures for petty offences	1

- It is used for serious offences only
- It is conducted quickly with simplified procedures for petty offences
- It involves lengthy evidence presentation
- It requires a jury to deliver the verdict

### **Section 2 (Answer all question(s))**

**Marks CO BL**

**Q11.** What is the purpose of issuing a writ in the Indian legal system?

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Rubric	Marks
purpose of issuing a writ - 2 marks	2

**Q12.** What are the primary and secondary functions of a court of law?

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Rubric	Marks
primary functions of a court of law 1.5 marks and secondary functions of a court of law 1.5 marks	3

**Q13. (a)** Explain the organization of courts in India, starting from the lower courts to the Supreme Court.

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Rubric	Marks
Different names of court and functions: 5 marks	5

**(OR)**

**(b)** Discuss the history and evolution of the administration of justice in India.

Rubric	Marks
10 points of history and evolution of the administration of justice in India- 5 marks	5

### **Section 3 (Answer all question(s))**

**Marks CO BL**

**Q14.** Define commutation of sentences under the Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita (BNS), 2023.

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Rubric	Marks
Definition of commutation of sentences under the BNS, 2023: 2 marks	2

**Q15. (a)** Describe the right of private defense and its limitations under BNS, 2023.

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Rubric	Marks
section of right of private defense 4 marks and limitations 4 marks	8

**(OR)**

- (b)** Discuss the general kinds of punishment provided under the Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita (BNS), 2023 (Mention section number).

Rubric	Marks
Name and number of sections general kinds of punishment with illustrations 8 marks	8

**Section 4 (Answer all question(s))**

**Marks CO BL**

**Q16.** Mention any two sections related to murder under BNS, 2023.

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Rubric	Marks
Name of two sections related to murder under BNS, 2023- 2 marks	2

- Q17. (a)** Discuss the legal provisions for theft, extortion, and robbery under BNS, 2023, with relevant sections.

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Rubric	Marks
Name and illustrations of legal provisions for theft, extortion, and robbery: 8 marks	8

**(OR)**

- (b)** Compare and contrast simple hurt and grievous hurt under BNS, 2023.

Rubric	Marks
Names of sections and illustrations of simple hurt and grievous hurt - 8 marks	8

**Section 5 (Answer all question(s))**

**Marks CO BL**

**Q18.** Describe the relevancy of electronic records under Section 39(1) of BSA, 2023.

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Rubric	Marks
Explanation & importance of electronic records under Section 39(1) of BSA, 2023- 3 marks	3

**Q19. (a)** Explain the general rules of evidence evaluation under BSA, 2023, with reference to Sections 140, 141, 142 and 162.

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Rubric	Marks
Explanation and importance of general rules of evidence evaluation (Sections 140-142 and 162) -7 marks	7

(OR)

**(b)** Explain the procedure for investigation and inquiry under BNSS, 2023, with reference to Sections 173 to 181.

Rubric	Marks
Explain of the procedure for investigation and inquiry (Sections 173-181) - 7 marks	7

### Section 6 (Answer any 2 question(s))

Marks CO BL

**Q20.** Explain the concept of dying declaration and dying deposition with their evidentiary value in court.

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Rubric	Marks
Dying declaration 2.5 marks and dying deposition 2.5 marks	5

**Q21.** Explain the admissibility of expert testimony in court and its significance in criminal trials.

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Rubric	Marks
Introduction of expert testimony in court 2.5 marks and significance of expert testimony in court 2.5 marks	5

**Q22.** Describe the stages of court testimony: examination-in-chief, re-examination, and cross-examination, with their purposes.

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Rubric	Marks
examination-in-chief, re-examination, and cross-examination, with their purposes 5 marks	5

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