



Faculty of Law

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LW3SE03 / LW3SE07 Legal Language & Writing

Programme	: B.A.LL.B. (Hons.) / LL.B. (Hons.) / B.B.A. LL.B. (Hons.)	Branch/Specialisation	: All
Duration	: 3 hours	Maximum Marks	: 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
Q1.	Which set of influences has played a major role in the enrichment of English vocabulary? <input type="radio"/> Colonization <input type="radio"/> The development of science and technology <input type="radio"/> German, Latin and French influences <input checked="" type="radio"/> All of the above	1	2	2
Q2.	Identify the option that deviates from the characteristics of Standard English. <input type="radio"/> Formal vocabulary used in academic writing <input type="radio"/> Spelling and pronunciation consistency <input checked="" type="radio"/> Regional slang and dialect variations <input type="radio"/> Clear grammatical rules	1	1	2
Q3.	What term refers to the generally accepted form of English used in formal contexts? <input type="radio"/> Twisted english <input checked="" type="radio"/> Standard english <input type="radio"/> Roasted english <input type="radio"/> Local english	1	2	2
Q4.	A fundamental difference between American English and British English is _____. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Spelling, Vocabulary and pronunciation differ between the two <input type="radio"/> British English incorporates fewer borrowed words compared to American English. <input type="radio"/> American English is the only globally recognized variant <input type="radio"/> American English is the only worldwide known alternative	1	1	2
Q5.	Which kind of reading concentrates on efficiently finding particular data inside a text? <input type="radio"/> Critical reading <input type="radio"/> Intensive reading <input type="radio"/> Extensive reading <input checked="" type="radio"/> Scanning	1	1	2
Q6.	The predominant challenges that people face in developing a reading habit _____. <input type="radio"/> Strict rules about what to read <input checked="" type="radio"/> Lack of interest <input type="radio"/> Too many reading materials available <input type="radio"/> Availability of books	1	2	2
Q7.	The legal term _____ refers to a court order requiring a person to appear as a witness. <input type="radio"/> Habeas corpus <input checked="" type="radio"/> Subpoena <input type="radio"/> Warrant <input type="radio"/> Litigation	1	2	2
Q8.	Choose the correct meaning of the legal maxim " <i>Audi alteram partem</i> ." <input type="radio"/> Justice delayed is justice denied <input type="radio"/> No one is above the law <input checked="" type="radio"/> Hear the other side <input type="radio"/> Ignorance of the law is no excuse	1	1	1
Q9.	What should be the main objective of a legal essay? <input type="radio"/> Clearly defining precise legal terminology and the legal topic <input type="radio"/> Maintaining a formal and academic tone. <input type="radio"/> Avoiding personal biases <input checked="" type="radio"/> All of above	1	1	1

Q10. What is meant by the "ratio decidendi" in the formulation of judgments?

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- ☐ The final order or verdict
 ☒ The rationale or guiding principle
 ☐ The judgment's introduction
 ☐ Summary of legal maxims

Section 2 (Answer all question(s))

Marks CO BL

Q11. Express language and elucidate its central characteristics.

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Rubric	Marks
Define language -2 marks central characteristics. - 2 marks	4

Q12. (a) What Latin-derived terms are prevalent in legal contexts? Give some illustrations.

6 2 3

Rubric	Marks
8 Latin-derived terms are prevalent in legal contexts - 4 marks Give some illustrations. --2 marks	6

(OR)

(b) Describe the reasons behind the inherent complexity of legal terminology.

Rubric	Marks
Answer in 300 words with apt examples and reasons.	6

Section 3 (Answer all question(s))

Marks CO BL

Q13. What are the key spelling differences between American and British English? Provide examples.

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Rubric	Marks
answer in 150 words	4

Q14. (a) How has artificial intelligence and automation influenced modern English?

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Rubric	Marks
Answer the ways artificial intelligence and automation influenced modern English in 250 words with apt illustration.	6

(OR)

(b) Explain the conventional character of language as a social convention rather than a natural phenomenon.

Rubric	Marks
Explain the characteristics of language—3 marks Social convention Vs a natural phenomenon- 3 marks	6

Section 4 (Answer all question(s))

Marks CO BL

Q15. What is meant by intellectual property, copyrights, and counterfeiting"? Explain with examples.

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Rubric	Marks
Explain with examples intellectual property, copyrights, and counterfeiting (4 marks).	4

- Q16. (a)** Do you believe that reading electronic books, articles, and online resources is just as successful as reading books the retro way? Discuss the benefits and drawbacks of each.

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Rubric	Marks
Discuss the benefits and drawbacks of each pattern in 250 words.	6

(OR)

- (b)** Do you believe websites and editorials to be as trustworthy as conventional news sources in the era of digital journalism? Give justification.

Rubric	Marks
Give justification in 250 words	6

Section 5 (Answer all question(s))

Marks CO BL

- Q17.** Differentiate these legal terms: 'writ,' 'litigation,' 'subpoena,' and 'affidavit,' with suitable examples.

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Rubric	Marks
1 mark for each term with usage. 1*4	4

- Q18. (a)** Explain the terms locus standi, modus operandi, mutatis mutandis, status quo, sub judice, and suo moto with usages.

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Rubric	Marks
Explain the terms 1. locus standi, 2. modus operandi, 3. mutatis mutandis, 4. status quo, 5. sub judice, and 6. suo moto with usages. 1*6 1. Locus Standi—The right to bring an action or appear in court 2. Modus Operandi – A particular way or method of doing something 3. Mutatis Mutandis – With necessary changes being made 4. Status Quo – The existing state of affairs 5. Sub Judice – Under judicial consideration 6. Sua Moto – On its own motion	6

(OR)

- (b)** Define the term 'Legal Maxims' and discuss the significance of the maxim "*Fiat Justitia Ruat Caelum*" (Let justice be done though the heavens fall).

Rubric	Marks
Define the term 'Legal Maxims' 2 marks The significance of the maxim " <i>Fiat Justitia Ruat Caelum</i> " (Let justice be done though the heavens fall). 4 marks	6

Section 6 (Answer all question(s))

Marks CO BL

- Q19.** Discuss with reference to legal, ethical, and human rights perspectives. Should capital punishment be abolished?

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Rubric	Marks
Answer in 150 words.	4

Q20. (a) Write the legal English terms for the following:

- दंड संहिता
- साक्ष्य
- अधिनियम
- न्यायालय
- अपील
- अभियोजन

Rubric	Marks
Marks 1*6 दंड संहिता → Penal Code साक्ष्य → Evidence अधिनियम → Act / Statute न्यायालय → Court अपील → Appeal अभियोजन → Prosecution	6

(OR)

(b) How does formal language impact legal communication? What challenges occur in maintaining legal accuracy?

Rubric	Marks
Explain the formal language impact on legal communication (3 marks). Enlist 3 challenges that occur in maintaining legal accuracy. 3 marks	6
