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1. Constitutional Law

- Preamble
- Fundamental Rights and Duties.
- Directive Principles of State Policy.
- Judiciary
- Executive
- Union State Legislative Relations.
- Emergency Provisions
- Amendment of the Constitution.
- Writ Jurisdiction
- Constitutional safeguards to a civil servant
- > Elections and electoral reforms

2. Legal Theory

- Nature and Sources of Law.
- Positivism, Natural. Law Theory, Sociological School, Historical School, Realist School
- Theories of Punishment.
- Rights and Duties.
- Concepts of Possession and Ownership.
- Concept of justice, Administration of Justice

3. Public International Law

- Nature of International Law and its relationship with Municipal Law.
- > Sources of International Law.
- Recognition of States and Governments.
- United Nations
- Settlement of International Disputes.
- > Human Rights

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4. Law of Contracts: General Principles

- Essentials of a valid contract
- Offer, acceptance and consideration
- Capacity to Contract: Minor's contract
- Elements vitiating contract: Mistake, fraud, misrepresentation, public policy, coercion, undue influence, frustration of contract
- Remedies for breach of contract: Damages

5. Law of Torts

- > Foundation of Tortuous Liability
- General Defences to an action of Tort
- Vicarious Liability
- Remoteness of Damages
- Contributory Negligence
- Absolute and Strict Liability

6. Law of Crimes: General Principles

- Nature and Definition of Offence
- General Exceptions
- Common Intention and Common Object
- Criminal Attempt, Conspiracy and Abetment
- Offences against Women

7. Labour Law:

- Concepts: Industry, Industrial Dispute and Workman
- Trade Unions: Rights and Immunities of Registered Trade Union; Registration and its advantages
- Methods for Settlement of Industrial Disputes under Industrial Disputes Act, 1947



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- Strike and Lockout as Instruments of Collective Bargaining
- Retrenchment, Lay off and Closures

8. Intellectual Property Rights

- Concept and meaning of Intellectual Property
- > Theories of intellectual property Rights
- > International conventions pertaining to intellectual property rights
- > Types of IPR