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**Paper - I**

**Constitutional Law**

2. Fundamental Rights—Public interest litigation; Legal Aid; Legal services authority.
4. Constitutional Position of the President and relation with the Council of Ministers.
5. Governor and his powers.
6. Supreme Court and the High Courts:
   (a) Appointments and transfer.
   (b) Powers, functions and jurisdiction.
7. Centre, States and local bodies:
   Distribution of Legislative Powers between the union and the states
   Administrative relationship among Union, State and Local Bodies.
   Eminent domain-State property-common property-community property.
8. Legislative powers, privileges and immunities.
   • Services under the Union and the States:
     Recruitment and conditions of services; Constitutional safeguards; Administrative tribunals.
   • Union Public Service Commission and State Public Service Commissions—Power and functions.
   • Election Commission—Power and functions.

**Administrative Law**

2. Delegated legislation and its constitutionality.
3. Separation of powers and constitutional governance.
5. Ombudsman: Lokayukta, Lokpal etc.
International Law

1. Nature and Definition of International Law.
2. Relationship between International Law and Municipal Law.
5. Individuals: Nationality, statelessness; Human Rights and procedures available for their enforcement.
6. Territorial jurisdiction of States, Extradition and Asylum.
7. Treaties: Formation, application, termination and reservation.
11. Fundamental principles of international humanitarian law—International conventions and contemporary developments.
12. Legality of the use of nuclear weapons; ban on testing of nuclear weapons; Nuclear non-proliferation treaty, CTST.

Paper - II

Law of Crimes

1. General principles of Criminal liability: mens rea and actus reus, mens rea in statutory offences.
2. Kinds of punishment and emerging trends as to abolition of capital punishment.
3. Preparations and criminal attempt.
4. General exceptions.
5. Joint and constructive liability.
6. Abetment.
7. Criminal conspiracy.
8. Offences against the State.
10. Offences against human body.
11. Offences against property.
12. Offences against women.
Law of Torts

2. Liability based upon fault and strict liability; Absolute liability.
3. Vicarious liability including State Liability.
5. Joint tort fessors.
6. Remedies.
8. Defamation.
11. False imprisonment.
12. Malicious prosecution.
13. Consumer Protection Act

Law of Contracts and Mercantile Law

2. Factors vitiating free consent.
4. Quasi-contracts.
5. Consequences of breach of contract.
7. Contract of agency.
8. Sale of goods and hire purchase.

Contemporary Legal Developments

1. Public Interest Litigation.
2. Intellectual property rights—Concept, types/prospects.
3. Information Technology Law including Cyber Laws—Concept, purpose/prospects.
5. Alternate Dispute Resolution—Concept, types/prospects.
6. Major statutes concerning environmental law.
7. Right to Information Act.
8. Trial by media.