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Instructions: Read all the questions carefully. All questions are compulsory. Write neatly

	SECTION A		
	(5Qx2M=10Marks)		
1	Define ex-parte proceedings in arbitration.	02	CO1
2	Define INCOTERMS.	02	CO1
3	Explain the concept of Emergency Arbitration.	02	CO1
4	Define separability principle in arbitration.	02	CO1
5	Discuss res judicata effect of the award?	02	CO1
	SECTION B		
	(4Qx5M=20 Marks)		
6	Discuss the concept of party autonomy.	05	CO2
7	Discuss UNIDROIT principles of International Commercial Contracts.	05	CO2
8	Explain provisions of Part I of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act 1996 that shall also apply to cases of International Commercial Arbitration.	05	CO2
9	Explain in brief General Principles of Law applicable to International Commercial Arbitration.	05	CO2
	SECTION-C (2Qx10M=20 Marks)		1
10	The New York Convention of 1958, formally known as the Convention	10	CO3
	on the Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards, is a		
	cornerstone of international arbitration. It obliges contracting states to		
	recognize and enforce arbitral awards made in other contracting states,		
	subject to limited exceptions. Among its key provisions is the distinction		
	between domestic, foreign, and non-domestic arbitral awards distinction		

	that often influences how national courts approach enforcement. While		
	the terms may appear similar, their legal implications are significant and		
	have been interpreted differently across jurisdictions, especially in the		
	context of awards rendered under international commercial arbitration		
	agreements.		
	In view of the above, discuss the meaning and scope of a 'non-		
	domestic arbitral award' under the New York Convention, 1958,		
	illustrating your answer with suitable examples.		
11	"While the decision in <i>Bharat Aluminium Co v. Kaiser Aluminium Technical Services</i> ('BALCO') case was a step in right direction and would drastically reduce judicial intervention in foreign arbitration, the law commission felt that there were still few areas that are likely to be problematic".	10	CO3
	In view of the above, analyze the problematic areas in the decision of Supreme Court in BALCO Case.		
	SECTION-D (2Qx25M=50 Marks)		
12	The Group of Companies doctrine ("Doctrine") has been judicially		
	formulated to make arbitration better suited to the commercial realities		
	of the modern-day world. However, the Doctrine was subject to closer		
	examination by the Supreme Court of India in the year 2023.		
	The Supreme Court has passed a judgment in <i>Cox and Kings Ltd. v. SAP</i>		
	India Private Ltd., which deals with the extent of the application of the	25	CO4
	Doctrine under Indian law. The Cox and Kings Judgment not only	25	CO4
	declares the Doctrine to be an intrinsic part of the Indian legal system,		
	but also defines the contours of the Doctrine by guard-railing it from		
	misuse. A three-judge bench of the Supreme Court had referred the ratio		
	of Chloro Controls case to a larger bench for examination with regard to		
	application of 'Group of Companies Doctrine'.		

	"A five-judge bench of the Supreme Court of India in the case Cox and Kings v SAP India Pvt. Ltd. 2023 found that the ratio in Chloro Controls v Severn Trent Water Purification Inc. 2013 was incorrect". Critically analyze the statement.		
13.	Arbitration has become the preferred mode for dispute resolution because of various advantages offered by it like simple and speedy procedure, low cost, confidentiality, etc. Initially, the Indian Arbitration Act, 1940, governed arbitration in India but because of numerous flaws within the Act, courts started intervening in arbitral proceedings defeating the primary purpose for undertaking arbitration proceedings in the first place. Thus, in 1996, India enacted its new Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996' to remedy the faults of the 1940 Act. The 1996 Act was mainly based on the UNCITRAL Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration and the UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules 1976. It had four parts namely Part I, Part II, Part III and Part IV. However, this scheme of the Act has been drastically changed due to judicial innovation by the Supreme Court starting from the case of Bhatia International v Bulk Trading hereinafter called the Bhatia Case. In the above context, critically analyze the case law in brief and the ratio decided by the Supreme Court of India in the case of Bhatia International v Bulk Trading SA.	25	CO4