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## UNIVERSITY OF PETROLEUM AND ENERGY STUDIES

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Program: BA., LL.B. (Hons.) Energy Laws & BBA, LL.B. (Hons.) Corporate Laws  
Semester – IX

Subject (Course): Information Technology Law

Max. Marks : 100

Course Code: LLBL 512

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### Section A

1. Fill in the Blanks (6 marks)
  - i. Under section 42 of the Information Technology Act, if the \_\_\_\_\_ corresponding to the public key listed in the Digital Signature Certificate has been compromised, then, the \_\_\_\_\_ shall communicate the same without any delay to the Certifying Authority.
  - ii. Notwithstanding anything contained in Criminal Procedure Code 1973, the offence punishable with imprisonment of \_\_\_\_\_ years and above shall be cognizable and the offence punishable with imprisonment of \_\_\_\_\_ years shall be bailable.
  - iii. \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ sections of IT Act deal with Cyber pornography.
  
2. State True or False (4 marks)
  - i. A man monitoring the use by a woman of the internet, email or any other form of electronic communication is not an offence in India.
  - ii. PKI stands for Public Key Interest.
  - iii. The court of appeal on the orders issued by Cyber appellate tribunal is the Supreme Court.
  - iv. The maximum penalty for damage to Computer, Computer systems, unauthorized access, download of data, infecting with virus, denial of access etc as per Section 43 is, 5 Lakh Rs.

### Section B

(2\*10=20)

Attempt any 2 questions of 10 marks each.

3. Describe and critically analyze the meaning and validity of Clickwrap agreements, Browsewrap agreements and Shrinkwrap agreements. (10 marks)
  
1. What is the doctrine of merger in copyright law. discuss in reference to the decision of the District Court in Oracle v. Google. What was the observation of the Court of Appeals? (10 marks)

2. What is cryptography? What are the different types of cryptography? Does the IT Act prescribe the use of any specific type of Cryptography? If yes, then explain with the help of legal provisions. (10 marks)
3. Write down the process for creation of a Digital Signature. Explain the steps involving the creation and verification of a Digital Signature. (10 marks)

### **Section C**

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4. Explain the concept of Uniform Domain-name Dispute Resolution Policy along with the various requirements for a claim to be successful. (10 marks)
5. Discuss the position of law with reference to the patentability of software in India and other comparable jurisdictions (10 marks)
6. Section 67 of the Information Technology Act, 2000 prescribes punishment for publishing or transmitting obscene material in electronic form. With respect to the said provision answer the following questions:
  - a. (a) List out the elements/ ingredients of the offence mentioned under the above mentioned provision And explain the 'Miller Test' or the 'Three Prong Test' for determining obscenity. (10 marks)
  - b. (b) Explain obscenity and cyber obscenity. What makes cyber obscenity graver in nature than the traditional form of obscenity? (10marks)

### **Section D (2\*25=50)**

**Attempt any 2 questions of 25 marks each.**

7. Mr. Bansal is a client of yours. He approaches you and asks you the following question. "My company has been negotiating contracts with other companies over e-mails. Please advise me on what are the possible legal issues that may arise as a consequence and also advise on how best to avoid such issues from arising from a legal point of view." Draft a reply. (25 marks)
8. Chalischor.com is a famous website which sells products online. It sells products itself rather than allowing other sellers to sell products on its platform. Some of the products it sells are under its own brand 'Sindbad'. Mary orders a Sindbad phone from the website. When the phone arrives, it switches on for a minute, then switches off on its own. It does not switch on again at all. Mary sends a legal notice to Chalischor. Chalischor replies saying that at the time of purchasing, Mary had entered into a clickwrap agreement with Chalischor which, *inter alia*, had the following two clauses:

- a. Sindbad phones are not covered by any warranty.
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Advise Mary on possible legal recourses to protect her interest. (25 marks)

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- (a) State the effect of the judgement of the above mentioned case.
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2. State True or False (4 marks)
  - i. Source code of a computer software is a literary work capable of subsistence of copyright
  - ii. Section 66A of the IT Act was struck down for being in violation of Article 21 of the Constitution.
  - iii. Computer programs per se are not patentable in India
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8. Donald and Hillary are good friends. They have been together in the college through 4 years of Law. They study together and help each other with University and other work and are also constantly in touch with each other over the phone and whatsapp. On occasions, they share jokes with each other over whatsapp but these are 'clean' jokes without any sexual humour. However, since they are good friends, one day, Donald sends Hillary a joke which has sexually explicit content but only because he found the joke humorous. Hillary is offended and files an FIR against Donald. Police charge Donald with Section 67, 67A, 66E of IT Act and Section 354A (Sexual harassment) and 354D of IPC, *inter alia*. Donald has approached you to be his lawyer against the prosecution. How would you defend him?  
The text of Section 354A(1) is as follows: A man committing any of the following acts—
  - i. physical contact and advances involving unwelcome and explicit sexual overtures; or

- ii. a demand or request for sexual favours; or
  - iii. showing pornography against the will of a woman; or
  - iv. making sexually coloured remarks,
- shall be guilty of the offence of sexual harassment. (25 marks)

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