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**UNIVERSITY OF PETROLEUM AND ENERGY STUDIES**  
**Online End Semester Examination, December 2020**

**Course: Right to Information**  
**Program: BA LL.B (Hons.) (Criminal Law/ Constitution Law)**  
**Course Code: LLBL503**

**Semester: IX**  
**Time: 03 hrs.**  
**Max. Marks: 100**

**Section-A**

**Instructions-**

- 1. Attempt all questions**
- 2. Each Question will carry 5 Marks**

S. No.	Fill in the blanks	Marks	CO
Q 1	Right to Information is associated with the fundamental right _____	5	CO1
Q2	The public officer who provides information is known as _____	5	CO1
Q3	Within _____ days the information is provided to the applicant, as per the provision of the RTI Act.	5	CO4
Q4	Citizens falling _____ are exempted from paying the fee to get information.	5	CO4
Q5	The appointment of CIC is done by _____	5	CO2
Q6	_____ can seek information under the RTI Act.	5	CO1

**SECTION B**

**Instruction-**

- 1. Each question will carry 10 marks**
- 2. Write short / brief notes**
- 3. Attempt all questions**

Q7	Free exchange of ideas is the basic pillar of Democracy. How can the RTI Act aid in achieving this goal?	10	CO1
Q8	Discuss some factors responsible for adoption of a Right to Information legislation around the world by different countries.  OR  Explain the reasons for repeal of Freedom of Information Act 2002. Has the Right to Information Act, 2005 been able to achieve the objectives with which it was formulated? Comment.	10	CO3
Q9	Elaborate on Right to Information as a human right as has been adopted under various international conventions.	10	CO3

	<p>OR</p> <p>What are the remedies available to a person who is denied information which he/ she has requested under Right to Information Act, 2005?</p>		
Q10	<p>Explain the constitutional debate on Article 19(1) pertaining to the right to speech and expression included as a fundamental right, as we have today in our Constitution.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>Discuss the changes introduced in RTI Act, 2005 by the RTI amendment Act 2019 also discuss the implication of these amendments?</p>	10	CO1
Q11	<p>Examine the procedure of obtaining information as per the relevant provisions of the Act. Also discuss the obligation on public authority to provide information within the prescribed time limit and the corresponding liability and penalty in case of failure.</p>	10	CO4

**SECTION-C**

**Instructions-**

1. The Question carries 20 Marks.
2. Attempt all parts of the question.

Q12	<p>A student appeared for his XIIth Board exams, the results of which in one particular subject, to his dismay were very low. Aggrieved by the result, he filed an RTI application to the State Board requesting to provide him a copy of his corrected answer script. The PIO of the State Board refused the application on the pretext that such an information does not fall within the scope of “information” as is described under the RTI act. Moreover, the information as has been requested is relatable to private information and is not guaranteed as being incidental to Freedom of Speech and Expression guaranteed by the Constitution.</p> <p>In light of the above facts, answer the following-</p>		
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	Q1. What is the scope of the term 'information' as under the provision of the RTI, Act.	<b>5</b>	<b>CO4</b>
	Q2. Can the PIO deny the request to provide access to information? If so, why and on what grounds?	<b>10</b>	
	Q3. Decide the above case in light of the decision given in Pritam Rooj v. University of Calcutta AIR 2008 Cal 118.	<b>5</b>	