

# B.A. LL.B FIVE YEARS INTEGRATED COURSE

## I – SEMESTER

### PAPER – V CONTRACTS-I (GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF LAW OF CONTRACT)

- UNIT-I** History and nature of contractual obligations-writs of debt, covenant and account-actions on the case and on assumptionist consideration-moral basis for contractual obligations subjective and objective theories sanctity of contracts.
- UNIT-II** Agreement and contract definitions, elements and different kinds.
- UNIT-III** Proposal and acceptance: Their various forms-essential elements, communication and revocation-proposal and invitations for proposal-floating offers-tenders-dumping of goods.
- UNIT-IV** Consideration. Nudum pactum-its need, meaning, kinds, essential elements-privy of contract and considerations-its exception adequacy of consideration-Present, past and adequate consideration, unlawful consideration and its effects Views of law commission of India on consideration-evaluation of the doctrine of consideration
- UNIT-V** Capacity to contract: Meaning-incapacity arising out of status and mental effect minor's agreements-definition of "minor"-accessories supplied to a minor-agreements beneficial and detrimental to a minor affirmation- ratification in cases by a person of an agreement made by him while he was a minor-agreements and estoppels-evaluation of the law relating to minors agreements-other illustrations of incapacity to contract.
- UNIT-VI** Free consent: Its need and definition-factors vitiating free consent
- 6.1: Coercion-definition-factors elements-duress and coercion-various illustrations of coercion-doctrine of economic duress-effect of coercion-evaluation of Sec.15.
- 6.2: Undue influence-definition-essential elements-between which influence-Independent advice-paradarhanashin women-unconscionable bargains effect of undue influence.
- 6.3: Misrepresentation-definition-misrepresentation of law and of fact-their effects and illustrations.
- 6.4: Fraud-definition-essential elements-suggestion-false suppressio veri-when does silence amounts to fraud? Active concealment of truth-importance of intention.
- 6.5: Mistake-definition-kinds-fundamental error-mistake of law and of fact-their effects-when does a mistake vitiate free consent and when does it not vitiate from consent?.
- UNIT-VII** Legality of objects
- 7.1: Void agreements-lawful and unlawful consideration and objects void. Voidable. Illegal and unlawful agreements and their effects.
- 7.2: Unlawful considerations and objects
- 7.2.1: Forbidden by law
- 7.2.2: Defeating the provision of any law
- 7.2.3: Fraudulent
- 7.2.4: Injurious to person or property
- 7.2.5: Immoral
- 7.2.6: Against public policy
- 7.3: Agreements without consideration
- 7.3.1: Agreements without consideration
- 7.3.2: Agreements in restraint of marriage
- 7.3.3: Agreements in restraint of trade-its exceptions-sale of good will, sec.11 restrictions, under the partnership act, trade combinations exclusive dealing agreements, restraints on employees under agreements of service.
- 7.3.4: Agreements in restraint of legal proceedings-its exceptions
- 7.3.5: Uncertain agreements
- 7.3.6: Wagering agreements-its exceptions

- UNIT-VIII** Discharge of a contract and its various modes:
- 8.1: By performance-conditions of valid tender of performance-how? By whom? Where? When- in what manner? Performance of reciprocal promises-time essence of contract.
  - 8.2: By breach-anticipatory breach and present breach.
  - 8.3: Impossibility of performance-specific grounds of frustration-application to leases-theories of frustration-effect of frustration-frustration and restitution.
  - 8.4: By period of limitation.
  - 8.5: By agreement recession and alteration-their effect-remission and waiver of Performance extension of time-accord and satisfaction.

**UNIT-IX** Quasi contracts or certain relations resembling those created by contract.

**UNIT-X** Remedies in contractual relations.

- 10.1: Damages-kinds-remoteness of damages ascertainment of damages.
- 10.2: Injunction-when granted and when refused-why?
- 10.3: Refund and restitution
- 10.4: Specific performance-why? When?
- 10.5: Specific performance of contracts under Specific Relief Act 1969
- 10.6: Recession of contracts
- 10.7: Cancellation of instruments
- 10.8: Declaratory decrees
- 10.9: Preventive relief

**SUGGESTED READINGS :**

1. Indian Contract Act,1872 and Specific Relief Act, 1963 and their commentaries.
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3. Avtar Singh. Dr -Law of Contract.
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5. Chitty- Chitty on contracts- General Principles Vol-I (22 Edn. 1977).
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