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- The language-style and nature of the questions are in line with the questions asked by the Union Public Service Commission and based on deep understanding and knowledge.
- The topics asked in the question are based on the important and relevant topics asked by the Union Public Service Commission which will be directly and indirectly helpful in the main examination.
- Simple and effective presentation of model answers with interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approach.
- Emphasis on preparing better answers through illustrations, examples, graphic analysis, pie charts etc. required in answer writing by adopting scientific approach.
- Use of only standard books and sources during model answer writing.
- As far as possible adherence to the standards prescribed by the Union Public Service Commission in the evaluation process of answer sheets.
- Necessary interval between each test for proper preparation.
- Formulation of model answers within the word limit prescribed by the Union Public Service Commission.

Test Code	Date	Syllabus
Test-1 OPT-LAW-2301	8 January, 2023 (Sunday)	● Constitution and Constitutionalism, Services under the Union and the States, Constitutional Position of the President and relation with the Council of Ministers & Governor and his powers; Amendment of the Constitution, Principle of Natural Justice, Delegated legislation and its constitutionality, Separation of powers and constitutional governance, Judicial review of administrative action & Ombudsman
Test-2 OPT-LAW-2302	15 January, 2023 (Sunday)	● Fundamental Rights, Relationship between Fundamental Rights, Directive Principles and Fundamental Duties, Supreme Court and the High Courts, Centre, States and local bodies, Legislative powers, privileges and immunities,
Test-3 OPT-LAW-2303	29 January, 2023 (Sunday)	● Nature and Definition of International Law, State Recognition and State Succession, Individuals, Treaties, Lawful recourse to force, New International Economic Order and Monetary Law & Protection and Improvement of the Human Environment, Individual, Human right & procedures available for their enforcement, Legality of the use of nuclear weapons,
Test-4 OPT-LAW-2304	12 February, 2023 (Sunday)	● United Nations, Peaceful settlement of disputes, Fundamental principles of international humanitarian law, International Terrorism, State Terrorism Hijacking ICC, Relationship between International Law and Municipal Law, Law of the sea, Territorial jurisdiction of States, Extradition & asylum
Test-5 OPT-LAW-2305	26 February, 2023 (Sunday)	● General principles of Criminal liability, Kinds of punishment and emerging trends as to abolition of capital punishment, Preparations and criminal attempt, General exceptions, Joint and constructive liability, Abetment & Criminal conspiracy; Offences against the State, Offences against public tranquillity, Offences against the human body, Offences against property, Offences against women, Defamation, Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and subsequent legislative developments & Plea bargaining
Test-6 OPT-LAW-2306	12 March, 2023 (Sunday)	● Nature and definition, General defences, Joint tort feasons, Remedies & Negligence; Defamation, Nuisance, Conspiracy, False imprisonment, Malicious prosecution & Consumer Protection Act, 1986

*For detailed breakup of syllabus, kindly refer to the subsequent pages.



Test Code	Date	Syllabus
Test-7 OPT-LAW-2307	11 June, 2023 (Sunday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Nature and formation of contract/E-contract, Factors vitiating free consent, Void, voidable, illegal and unenforceable agreements, Performance and discharge of contracts, Quasi-contracts & Consequences of breach of contract; Contract of indemnity, guarantee and insurance, Contract of agency, Sale of goods and hire purchase, Formation and dissolution of partnership, Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 & Standard form contracts
Test-8 OPT-LAW-2308	18 June, 2023 (Sunday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Public Interest Litigation, Intellectual property rights, Information Technology Law including Cyber Laws, Competition Law, Alternate Dispute Resolution, Major statutes concerning environmental law, Right to Information Act & Trial by media
Test-9 OPT-LAW-2309	25 June, 2023 (Sunday)	Full Length Paper-I
Test-10 OPT-LAW-2310	2 July, 2023 (Sunday)	Full Length Paper-II
Test-11 OPT-LAW-2311	9 July, 2023 (Sunday)	Full Length Paper-I
Test-12 OPT-LAW-2312	16 July, 2023 (Sunday)	Full Length Paper-II
Test-13 OPT-LAW-2313	13 August, 2023 (Sunday)	Full Length Paper-I
Test-14 OPT-LAW-2314		Full Length Paper-II
Test-15 OPT-LAW-2315	27 August, 2023 (Sunday)	Full Length Paper-I
Test-16 OPT-LAW-2316		Full Length Paper-II



Test Schedule

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Test-1 OPT-LAW-2301	8 January, 2023 (Sunday)	<u>Constitution Law</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Constitution and Constitutionalism● Services under the Union and the States● Constitutional Position of the President and relation with the Council of Ministers● Governor and his powers● Amendment of the Constitution● Principle of Natural Justice● Delegated legislation and its constitutionality● Separation of powers and constitutional governance● Judicial review of administrative action● Ombudsman
Test-2 OPT-LAW-2302	15 January, 2023 (Sunday)	<u>Constitution Law</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Fundamental Rights● Relationship between Fundamental Rights● Directive Principles and Fundamental Duties● Supreme Court and the High Courts,● Centre, States and local bodies, Legislative powers● Privileges and immunities
Test-3 OPT-LAW-2303	29 January, 2023 (Sunday)	<u>International Law</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Nature and Definition of International Law● State Recognition and State Succession● Individuals<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Nationality❖ Statelessness● Treaties● Lawful recourse to force● New International Economic Order and Monetary Law● Protection and Improvement of the Human Environment● Human right & procedures available for their enforcement● Legality of the use of nuclear weapons



<p>Test-4 OPT-LAW-2304</p>	<p>12 February, 2023 (Sunday)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><u>International Law</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● United Nations● Peaceful settlement of disputes● Fundamental principles of international humanitarian law● Terrorism<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ International Terrorism❖ State Terrorism❖ Hijacking❖ ICC● Relationship between International Law and Municipal Law● Law of the sea● Territorial jurisdiction of States<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Extradition❖ Asylum
<p>Test-5 OPT-LAW-2305</p>	<p>26 February, 2023 (Sunday)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><u>Law of Crime</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● General principles of Criminal liability● Kinds of punishment and emerging trends as to abolition of capital punishment● Preparations and criminal attempt● General exceptions● Joint and constructive liability● Abetment & Criminal conspiracy● Offences against the State● Offences against public tranquillity● Offences against the human body● Offences against property● Offences against women● Defamation● Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988● Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and subsequent legislative developments● Plea bargaining
<p>Test-6 OPT-LAW-2306</p>	<p>12 March, 2023 (Sunday)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><u>Law of Torts</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Nature and definition● General defences● Joint tort feasons● Remedies & Negligence● Defamation● Nuisance● Conspiracy False imprisonment, Malicious prosecution● Consumer Protection Act, 1986



Test-7 OPT-LAW-2307	11 June, 2023 (Sunday)	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Law of Contracts and Mercantile Law</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nature and formation of contract/E-contract ● Factors vitiating free consent ● Void, voidable, illegal and unenforceable agreements ● Performance and discharge of contracts ● Quasi-contracts ● Consequences of breach of contract ● Contract of indemnity, guarantee and insurance ● Contract of agency, Sale of goods and hire purchase ● Formation and dissolution of partnership ● Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 ● Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996 ● Standard form contracts
Test-8 OPT-LAW-2308	18 June, 2023 (Sunday)	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Contemporary Legal Development</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Public Interest Litigation ● Intellectual property rights ● Information Technology Law including Cyber Laws ● Competition Law ● Alternate Dispute Resolution ● Major statutes concerning environmental law ● Right to Information Act ● Trial by media
Test-9 OPT-LAW-2309	25 June, 2023 (Sunday)	Full Length Paper-I
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UPSC (2022) & Drishti Mains Test Series (Law Optional) Comparative Analysis

Paper 1

Test Series (Code)	Question Code	Drishti IAS Test Series Question	UPSC Question Number	UPSC Question	Marks
2203	2 (c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the different situations when repugnancy can arise under Article 254 of the Constitution? 	1 (c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain the legal position in case of repugnancy between Union and State laws with the help of decided case laws. Which law shall prevail in case of repugnancy? 	10
2203	7 (c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compare the freedom of speech of a citizen given to him under Article 19(1)(a) with the freedom of a member of Parliament under Article 105 (1) of the Constitution of India. 	2 (b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss the application of fundamental rights to parliamentary privilege cases. 	15
2201	3 (b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For a developing country like India, the Directive Principles ought to be more important than Fundamental Rights to bring about social justice. Discuss. 	2 (c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do you think that all the 'Directive Principles of State Policy' are equally fundamental for the governance of the country? Describe with the help of decided case laws. 	15
2201	6 (a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What does the doctrine 'delegatus non potest delegare' signify? Does non-delegation rule serve any purpose in the context of permissibility of delegated legislation? 	3 (b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the grounds to declare a delegated legislation as substantive ultravires? Refer case laws. 	15
2203	6 (a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss about the Proclamation of emergency. 	3 (c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Briefly discuss the impact of the Proclamation of Emergency under Article 352 of the Constitution. 	15
2209, 2201	4 (c), 6 (c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "2209: Discuss with the help of relevant case laws, "our constitution does not recognise the doctrine of separation of powers in its absolute rigidity". 2201: "Indian Constitution has not indeed recognized the doctrine of separation of powers in its absolute rigidity". Discuss." 	4 (a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the Parliamentary system, though there is no separation between the legislature and the executive in terms of personnel, there is separation of functions between the two. Explain in the light of relevant judicial decisions. 	20
2211, 2201	1 (a), 5 (b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "2211: Explain the term 'Audi alteram partem'. 2201: Is the principle of natural justice an absolute rule?" 	4 (c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain the significance of 'Audi Alteram Partem'. What are the cases or circumstances in which the aforesaid principle of natural justice can be excluded? 	15
2202	2 (b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Law is defined as 'vanishing point of jurisprudence' Comment. 	5 (a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keeping in view the growth of International Law in the contemporary era, do you think the classical definition of International Law has become redundant? 	10
2209	5 (d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain 'dejure' and 'defacto' recognition 	5 (b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distinguish between 'De-facto' and 'De-jure' Recognition. 	10

2209	5 (c)	● What is meant by territorial sea? What are the rights of coastal states over this territory?	5 (d)	● What are the various Rights of States over 'territorial-waters'?	10
2204	5 (c)	● Define and Distinguish between Arbitration and Judicial Settlement in the context of the rules of International Law.	5 (e)	● Distinguish between Arbitration and Judicial settlement as method of peaceful settlement of disputes in International Law.	10
2202	1 (b)	● Which theory regarding the relationship between international law and municipal law is nearer to reality?	6 (a)	● Critically examine various theories relating to the relationship between International Law and Municipal Law.	20
2202	7 (b)	● Discuss the various methods of acquisition of nationality.	6 (c)	● Discuss various modes of acquisition and loss of Nationality.	15
2204	6 (b)	● Discuss on Self defence as ground of intervention.	7 (c)	● Does the Right to Self-Defence under International Law include Right to take Pre-emptive Action?	15
2204	1 (c), 2 (b)	● "Explain briefly International Humanitarian Law and also state the difference between International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law. Elucidate the fundamental principles of International Humanitarian Law as envisaged under International Conventions."	8 (c)	● Explain the core principles of International Huminitarian Law (IHL).	15

Paper 2

Test Series (Code)	Question Code	Drishti IAS Test Series Question	UPSC Question Number	UPSC Question	Marks
2206	6 (b)	● Mens rea is an essential element in every crime. Explain their rule and state to what extent it is applicable to the offence under Indian Penal Code 1860.	1 (a)	● "The existence of mens rea along with commission of actus reus makes the act an offence." Explain.	10
2210	4 (b)	● "Right of private defence is available only against offences". Discuss.	1 (e)	● The Right of Private Defence is based on the cardinal principle that it is the primary duty of man to help himself, but this right is not absolute. Explain.	10
2207	3 (a)	● Discuss the rule of strict liability with the help of relevant case law.	2 (c)	● How is the rule of 'absolute liability' different from 'strict liability'? Cite the relevant judgements.	15
2206	5 (a)	● Discuss the concept of "common intention" embodied in Indian penal code.	2 (b)	● "The provisions of Section 149 of the IPC, 1860 relate to the question of offence while Section 34 is a question of evidence. Give reasons for the statement.	15

2206	7 (b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can less than five persons be charged, tried and convicted for the offence of unlawful assembly? 	3 (a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What do you understand by an 'unlawful assembly'? Discuss the circumstances when a lawful assembly becomes unlawful. Support your answer with suitable illustrations. 	20
2207	6 (b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'A statement made in performance of duty is privileged'. In the light of this statement critically examine the tort of defamation. 	3 (b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "The Right of Reputation' is acknowledged as an inherent personal right of every person". Discuss the statement in the light of Law of Defamation in India. 	15
2210	2 (a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss "attempt to commit suicide", referring to the decision of the Supreme Court on the constitutional validity of Section 309 of the Indian Penal code. 	4 (a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summarize the law relating to 'attempt to suicide' in India. How far the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017 added new dimensions to the law of attempt to suicide in India? 	20
2212	2 (b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define tort and explain its essential ingredients. 	4 (c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Tortious liability arises from breach of duty primarily fixed by the law. This duty is towards persons generally and its breach is redressible by an action for unliquidated damages." Comment. 	15
2208	6 (b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What do you understand by the terms 'condition' and 'warranty'? Point out the distinction between the two. 	5 (d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elaborate the conditions and warranties provided under the Sale of Goods Act, 1930. 	10
2212	5 (e)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State grounds on which a surety is discharged from his liability under a contract of guarantee. 	6 (a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "The liability of a surety is coextensive with principal debtor, unless it is otherwise provided by the contract." Elucidate the statement by narrating the circumstances under which a surety is discharged from his liability. 	20
2208	2 (a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "An agreement without consideration is void". Explain this rule and state the exception, if any. 	7 (c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "An agreement without consideration is void." Is there any exception to it? Discuss by giving suitable illustrations. 	15
2208	1 (a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examine the principle of 'time is the essence of contract'. 	8 (b)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Time is an essence of the contract." What are the remedies available to the aggrieved party in case of non-fulfilment of obligation within the stipulated time? 	15
2205	8 (c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are "Patentable" inventions? Explain by emphasising on the term "inventive step". 	8 (c)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss the ambit and scope of Section 3(d) of the Patent Act, 1970 in the context of the Novartis Case, 2013. 	15