

DEPARTMENTAL EXAMINATION FOR OFFICERS OF THE  
INDIAN ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE

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LAW-PAPER I (LAND LAWS OF WEST BENGAL AND GENERAL LAWS)  
(WITHOUT BOOKS)

Time Allowed : 3 Hours

Full Marks : 100  
Pass Marks : 50

Group - A

Answer any five questions.

1. How much of the following lands an intermediary can retain under the West Bengal Estates Acquisition Act, 1953 ?  
(a) Homestead land,  
(b) Land appertaining to buildings and structures,  
(c) Non-agricultural land,  
(d) Agricultural land. 2½x4
2. (a) What is the purpose to provide for preparation/revision of record of rights under the W.B. Estates Acquisition Act, 1953 ?  
(b) State in brief the provision for revising an entry in the finally published record of rights under the Act. 2+8
3. What under the W.B. Estates Acquisition Act, 1953 are the matters in respect of which jurisdiction of the Civil Courts to entertain a suit has been ousted ? 10
4. What under the West Bengal Land Reforms Act, 1955 meant by -  
(a) Land, (b) Personal Cultivation, (c) Family ? 3+3+4
5. (a) Who is a non-agricultural tenant under the West Bengal Estates Acquisition Act, 1953 ?  
(b) Why did his land not vest in the State under that Act ?  
(c) What provisions have been made under the West Bengal Land Reforms Act, 1955 regarding vesting of land of non-agricultural tenants and under-tenants ?  
(d) What is the date of vesting of the land of non-agricultural tenants and under-tenants ? 2+2+5+1
6. State in brief the provisions under the W.B. Land Reforms Act, 1955 dealing with determination of how much land a religious or charitable institution is entitled to retain. 10
7. How can cultivation of land by a bargadar be terminated ? 10

Group - B

Answer any five questions.

8. (a) When can a police officer arrest a person without warrant ?  
(b) What obligation is cast upon him by the law when he makes such arrest ? 7+3
9. State in brief the provisions under the Code of Criminal Procedure to deal with disputes regarding possession of land or water, which may lead to breach of the peace. 10
10. What action an Executive Magistrate may take when he receives information that within his jurisdiction a person is likely to commit breach of the peace ? 10
11. Who is a public servant as defined under the Indian Penal Code ? 10
12. State the provisions under the Indian Penal Code to deal with public nuisance, adulteration of food or drink, sale of noxious food or drink, adulteration of drugs, sale of adulterated drugs and rash driving. 10
13. (a) What are public documents ?  
(b) How can certified copies of public documents be obtained ? 5+5
14. (a) What is meant by burden of proof ?  
(b) On whom lies the burden of proof ?  
(c) Under what circumstances an accused is burdened with the burden of proof ? 5+3+2
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