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**UNIVERSITY OF PETROLEUM AND ENERGY STUDIES**  
**End Semester Examination, December, 2022**

<b>Course: Right to Information</b>	<b>Semester: VII</b>
<b>Program: B.A.LL.B/B.B.A.LL.B/B.Com.LL.B</b>	
<b>Time: 03 hrs.</b>	
<b>Course Code: CLCC3024P</b>	<b>Max. Marks: 100</b>

**Section-A**

**Instructions-**

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

S. No.	Fill in the blanks	Marks	CO
Q 1	Right to Information is associated with the fundamental right of _____	2	CO1
Q2	The public officer who provides information is known as _____	2	CO1
Q3	Within _____ days the information is provided to the applicant, as per the provision of the RTI Act.	2	CO1
Q4	Citizens falling _____ are exempted from paying the fee to get information.	2	CO1
Q5	The appointment of CIC is done by _____	2	CO2

**SECTION B**

**Instructions-**

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

Q6	Free exchange of ideas is the basic pillar of Democracy. How can the RTI Act aid in achieving this goal?	5	CO1
Q7	Discuss some factors responsible for adoption of a Right to Information legislation around the world by different countries.	5	CO3
Q8	Elaborate on Right to Information as a human right as has been adopted under various international conventions.	5	CO3

Q9	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.	5	CO1
<b>SECTION-C</b>			
<b>Instructions-</b>			
<b>1. Attempt all questions</b>			
<b>2. Each Question will carry 10 Marks</b>			
Q10	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
Q11	Analyze why it is time and again stressed that for good governance Right to Information is an important weapon in the hands of citizens	10	CO2
<b>SECTION-D</b>			
<b>Instructions-</b>			
<b>1. Attempt all questions</b>			
<b>2. Each Question will carry 25 Marks</b>			
<b>3. Maximum word limit for each question is 400 words</b>			
Q13	<p>A student appeared for medical entrance exam NEET. Much to his dismay he could not qualify the same due to very low marks and rank. His neighbor and arch nemesis on the other hand secured a very good rank which would enable him to take admission in one of the best medical college in the country. Aggrieved by the result, and aggravated by the success of his arch nemesis, he filed an RTI application to the exam conducting authority CBSE, requesting to provide him a copy of his corrected answer script as well as that of his neighbor. The PIO of CBSE 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 decide the above case in light of the decision given in Pritam Rooj v. University of Calcutta AIR 2008 Cal 118.</p>	25	CO3

Q13	<p>The right to information is a basic right that underpins good governance, democracy, poverty eradication and the practical realization of human rights. Good governance is not achieved simply by having efficient government or even a democratically elected government. The norms of freedom of information and the assurance of widespread citizen participation in public affairs and an active civil society are essential for the full realization of democracy - a system of government responsive to the needs of its citizens - and to develop a culture of human rights and accountability.”</p> <p>Analyzing the above statement, describe why ‘Right to know’ has been given the status of a Human Right. Also enumerate various international documents/conventions which have given Right to know/information the status of Human Right.</p>	25	CO4