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NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY JODHPUR

**FAMILY LAW – I**  
**U.G. VI Semester**  
**Mid Term**

Maximum Marks: 50

Time: 90 Minutes

**Instructions:**

1. Follow examination protocols.
2. No clarification shall be sought during examination.
3. All three questions are compulsory.

**Q.1** Fatima, a Muslim woman, was married to Khalid under Muslim personal law. At the time of marriage, a prompt mahr of ₹70,000 and a deferred mahr of ₹2,30,000 were agreed upon. Fatima demanded payment of the prompt mahr after the marriage, but Khalid failed to pay it. After eleven months of marriage, they had a son. Subsequently, disputes arose between the parties, and Fatima refuses to cohabit with Khalid until he pays her the prompt mahr. Khalid later divorced Fatima without reasonable cause.

Fatima filed a suit to recover the unpaid mahr. Khalid contends that since the marriage did not last for more than a year, Fatima is not entitled to the full mahr and that he is only liable to pay a reasonable portion of it.

In light of the principles of Muslim law and relevant judicial pronouncements, kindly:

(a) Explain the concept and types of mahr. [7 Marks]

(b) Discuss whether Fatima can lawfully claim her prompt mahr and the entire deferred mahr. [8 Marks]



**Q.2** Explain the concept of Muta marriage. Discuss its essential requirements and legal consequences in the light of relevant judicial pronouncements. [10 Marks]

**Q.3 (a)** Explain the essentials of a valid marriage under Muslim law? [5 Marks]

**(b)** Explain the various legal disabilities recognised under Muslim law that affect the validity of a marriage. [20 Marks]