

NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, JODHPUR

End Term Examination, August- December 2025

Semester-I
LLM (Law and Public Policy)
Advanced Administrative Law

Time: Three Hours

Marks- 100

Instructions:

1. Answer any **four** questions.
2. Bare Acts are not allowed.
3. Try to answer the questions citing the relevant provisions and case laws.

Q.1)

In a famous English decision in *Abbott vs. Sullivan* reported in (1952) 1 K.B.189 at 195 it is stated that "the Principles of Natural Justice are easy to proclaim, but their precise extent is far less easy to define". It has been stated that there is no single definition of Natural Justice and it is only possible to enumerate with some certainty the main principles. During the earlier days the expression natural Justice was often used interchangeably with the expression natural Law, but in the recent times a restricted meaning has been given to describe certain rules of Judicial Procedure.

Critically examine the above paragraph in the light of the various approaches adopted by the courts while defining and implementing the natural justice principle in administrative law matters. (Marks 25)

Q.2)

The line of distinction between quasi-judicial power and administrative power is getting obliterated. Discuss with the help of decided cases.

X a senior officer gave adverse remarks in the confidential report of Y because of which Y could not be promoted. X was the member of Departmental Promotion Committee in which Y appeared for interview, Y wants to challenge the decision of the Committee on account of bias. Advise Y explains through judicial decisions about the application of principle of bias.

(Marks 25)

Q.3)

Define public services reforms initiated in India and highlight their importance in achieving some of the components of good governance. Mention the challenges that impede these reforms and provide some valid suggestions about what more efforts are needed to make public services reform to ensure its better functioning.

(Marks 25)

Q.4)

Discuss the role of election commission in ensuring free and fair election in India. Suggest the ways to strengthen and improve the working of the election commission. Discuss the concept of Special Intensive Revision (SIR) getting conducted in the various states. What safeguard mechanism is provided by the Supreme Court in ensuring the proper verification of voters in India?
(Marks 25)

Q.5)

"Choosing from amongst the various available alternatives without reference to any predetermined criteria, no matter how fanciful that choice may be". Analyze the statement keeping in mind that non- use and abuse of administrative discretion with the help of relevant case laws.
(Marks 25)

Q.6)

Write short notes on any **two** of the following:

- (a) Environmental Impact Assessment Policy
- (b) Democracy and right to information
- (c) Digital governance

(Marks 13+12)