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Offences Against Child and Juvenile Offences

Paper : 606B

(Optional Paper-II)

Full Marks : 80

Time : 3 Hours

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give answers in their own words as far as practicable.

Answer **Question No. 1** and any **five** from the rest.

1. Answer any **ten** questions: 2×10=20
- a) Define “child” and “juvenile” under the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection) Act, 2015.
 - b) What special protection do children enjoy under Article 15(3) of the Constitution of India?
 - c) Define “child labour” and state the minimum working age under the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986.
 - d) Mention two judicial remedies available against exploitation of child labour in India.

[Turn Over]

- e) What constitutes “commercial sexual exploitation” under the POCSO Act, 2012?
 - f) Which sections of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006, penalize solemnizing a child marriage?
 - g) List two offences under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012, and their punishments.
 - h) Under what conditions can a pregnancy be terminated as per the Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971 (Amendment)?
 - i) Define “foeticide” and point out the relevant IPC provision.
 - j) What is the mandate of the Juvenile Justice Board in dealing with “children in conflict with law”?
 - k) State one power of the Child Welfare Committee under the JJ Act, 2015.
 - l) Cite one landmark Supreme Court case on child rights and briefly state its significance.
2. Critically examine the Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 with reference to its objectives, strengths, and enforcement challenges. 12
 3. Analyse the legal framework against child sexual abuse in India, with special reference to the POCSO Act, 2012. 12

4. Discuss the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 with reference to its offences, defences, and hurdles in implementation. 12
 5. Evaluate how the 2021 amendments to the MTP Act impact women's reproductive rights, especially minors. 12
 6. Examine the offences relating to unborn children under the BNS, highlighting key judicial interpretations. 12
 7. Assess the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015, focusing on the balance between rehabilitation and punishment. 12
 8. Explore the scope of constitutional protections for children (e.g., Articles 14, 15, 21A), and the Supreme Court's role in upholding them. 12
 9. Compare India's juvenile justice system with that of another country, emphasizing care, protection, and procedural safeguards. 12
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