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ROMAN LAW – LLU 3303



DURATION – 1 HOUR

Date: 24th October 2024

Time: 9.30 a.m. – 10.30 a.m.

Total number of questions: 02

Answer 01 (ONE) question only.

Candidates will be penalized for illegible handwriting.

1. (i). Justinian's greatest contribution to Roman law was the codification of the law rather than to innovate.

Examine the validity of the above statement in light of the Justinian's contribution towards the compilation of Roman law. (10 Marks)

- (ii). Explain the significance of the sources of Roman law with particular reference to the following.

(a). *Senatus Consulta*

(b). *Praetor's Edict*

Support your answer with relevant examples. (10 Marks)

(10 + 10 = 20 Marks)

2. "The complete control of a father over his children was, as the Romans realized themselves, peculiar to their own law. Other systems have indeed allowed great, even despotic, powers to the head of the household, but the Roman [law] is unique in its completeness and the rigid logic with which the principles were applied."

H.F. Jolowicz, Roman Foundations of Modern Law, Oxford University press, 1957. P181

In light of the above statement, analyse the evolution of Roman legal principles pertaining to *patria potestas* focusing on the commencement, characteristics, and termination.

(20 marks)

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