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MASTER OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW (MIPL)

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MIR-031 : OVERVIEW OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

Time: 2 hours

Maximum Marks: 50

Note: This paper consists of two parts. Part A and Part B. Both the parts are compulsory.

PART A

Attempt all the questions from this part. Each question carries 2 marks. $10\times2=20$

- 1. Identify the *incorrect* statement out of the following:
 - (a) The TRIPS Agreement does not define Intellectual Property.
 - (b) Copyright laws protect ideas.
 - (c) A patent grants exclusive rights to the patentee subject to the provisions of Patents Act.
 - (d) Trade secrets do not need registration.

- **2.** Which one of the following has **not** been provided under the Berne Convention?
 - (a) National Treatment
 - (b) Automatic Protection
 - (c) Independence of Protection
 - (d) Mandatory Registration
- 3. _____ refers to any technological application that uses biological systems, living organisms, or derivatives thereof, to make or modify products or processes for specific use.
 - (a) Biodiversity
 - (b) Biotechnology
 - (c) Biopharmacy
 - (d) Biophysics
- **4.** Which of these is **not** a ground for compulsory licensing?
 - (a) That the reasonable requirements of the public with respect to the patented invention have not been satisfied.
 - (b) That the patented invention is not available to the public at a reasonably affordable price.
 - (c) That the patented invention is a novelty and not a mere discovery of an existing scientific principle.
 - (d) That the patented invention is not worked in the territory of India.

- **5.** Which of the following statements is true with respect to a "trademark"?
 - (a) A trademark is used in relation to goods and services
 - (b) A trademark is incapable of distinguishing the goods or services of one person from those of others
 - (c) A trademark needs to be mandatorily registered
 - (d) All of the above
- **6.** Identify the treaty or convention which does *not* deal with natural resources.
 - (a) The Convention on Biological Diversity
 - (b) The International Treaty for Plant Genetic Resources
 - (c) The Berne Convention
 - (d) The International Treaty for Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
- 7. The TRIPS Agreement sets minimum standards for effective Intellectual Property enforcement procedures that involve:
 - (a) Civil procedures
 - (b) Criminal procedures
 - (c) Administrative procedures
 - (d) All of the above

8.	Identify	the	incorrect	statement	:
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- (a) IPR protection is automatic for all types of intellectual property.
- (b) Registration of Geographical Indications is primarily attributable to geographic origin.
- (c) The registration formalities are usually determined by the domestic law.
- (d) A patent grant provides the 'right to priority' and other related rights.

9. Which one of the following is *incorrect*?

- (a) The Paris Convention deals with copyright.
- (b) The first law on copyright is traced to the Statute of Anne in 1710.
- (c) The first ever legislation on IPR was passed in Britain in 1623 known as the Statute of Monopoly.
- (d) The Indian Patents Act, 1970 provides for pre-grant and post-grant opposition.

10.	As per the Trademark Law Treaty, the standard
	duration of the initial period of the registration
	and the duration of each renewal is

- (a) 5 years
- (b) 7 years
- (c) 10 years
- (d) 15 years

PART B

Attempt any three questions from this part. Each question carries 10 marks. 3×10=30

- 11. Discuss the relationship between Intellectual Property Rights and Economic Development.
- **12.** Define Patent. What are the subject-matters which cannot be patented?
- **13.** Discuss the common elements of registration for different kinds of intellectual property.
- 14. Critically analyse the contribution made by the TRIPS Agreement in the field of the IP law.
- **15.** Distinguish between tangible and intangible property. In which category can intellectual property be classified?