MASTER OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAW (MIPL)

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MIR-033 : TRADEMARK, PASSING OFF AND GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS AND DOMAIN NAMES

Time: 2 hours Maximum Marks: 50

Note: This paper is divided into two parts: Part A and

Part B. Both the parts are compulsory.

PART - A

Attempt all the Questions from this part. Each Question carries two marks. 10x2=20

- 1. Associations in India can hold:
 - (a) No trademarks
 - (b) Trademarks only through their individual members
 - (c) Collective trademarks, held through the association itself
 - (d) None of the above
- **2.** The basis of a 'passing off' action is:
 - (a) False representation as to the origin of goods
 - (b) Copying the title of a competitor
 - (c) Selling the goods at a reduced price to get rid of stock
 - (d) Increasing the marked price of goods to make a larger profit

- 3. Descriptive marks are not protected because :
 - (a) They are not distinctive enough
 - (b) They are too distinctive
 - (c) They need too much documentation
 - (d) Both (a) and (c)
- 4. "Intrinsically striking" is an element of a:
 - (a) Patent
 - (b) Copyright
 - (c) Layout design of integrated circuits
 - (d) Brand

5. A logo is a:

- (a) Computer programming language
- (b) A symbol used sometimes by the company in its business
- (c) Goods associated with the company
- (d) Visual depiction of a company that gives an identity to it.
- **6.** What is brand parity?
 - (a) When one brand has unreasonably better brand value than the others
 - (b) When brands compete with each other and bring down the prices
 - (c) When brands in the same category are very different
 - (d) When brands in the same category are very similar

- 7. Sections 18-26 of the Trade Marks Act of 1999 deals with:
 - (a) The definition of trademarks
 - (b) The registration of trademarks
 - (c) Passing off and Infringement of trademark
 - (d) Absolute and relative grounds of refusal of registration of trademark
- 8. "Geographical indications" in relation to section 2 (1) (e) of the Trade Marks Act. 1999 means:
 - (a) An indication which identifies goods
 - (b) The goods may be agricultural goods, natural goods or manufactured goods
 - (c) The goods should be originating or manufactured in the territory of a country, or a region, or locality in that territory.
 - (d) All the above
- 9. A mark shall ______ if it offends the religious sensibilities of a class of people in India :
 - (a) be registered
 - (b) never be registered
 - (c) be sent to a higher authority
 - (d) none of the above
- 10. The period of limitation for filing a suit for an injunction to restrain the infringement of a trademark is:
 - (a) Two years from the date of infringement
 - (b) Three years from the date of infringement
 - (c) Two years from the date of registration of trademark
 - (d) Three years from the date of registration of trademark

PART - B

- Attempt any three Question from this Part. Each question carries 10 marks. 3x10=30
- 1. Discuss the salient features of TRIPs Agreement with respect to trademark.
- 2. How are the different concepts of assignment, transmission and licensing important and useful? Explain each one of them with the help of an example.
- 3. Why does geographical indication accord special status to wine and spirit? Discuss.
- 4. Write a note on Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (UDRP).
- 5. How should India engage in protecting and preserving it's rich Geographical Indications?