

Guidelines for SACE

(Special Assignment of Critical Essays)

For B.A. LL.B. and LL.M. Students

SACE - THE CONCEPT

- The Special Assignment of Critical Essays is a open book evaluation which is designed for Law students on topics assigned to contribute original expression, using net and related sources, to chronologically marshal relevant facts.

Methodology of SACE

- Two SACEs of 30 marks each (1-5 years B.A. LL.B. & LL.M.) 2x30 = 60 marks
- VIVA by Webex or Whatsapp (2-5 years B.A. LL.B. & LL.M.) 1x20 = 20 marks
- VIVA by Webex or Whatsapp-1 year UG 1x15 = 15 marks

Gradation – As per HNLU regulations:

- Passing Minimum : 50 % (Projects +SACEs)
- Model Answers : Post Deadlines
- Revaluations : As per HNLU Rules

TIME LINE OF SACE SUBMISSION

TEACHERS TIME LINE FOR SUBMISSIONS OF SACE TOPICS

- Submission of SACE to Exam section : 2-5 years - 21st Dec., 2020
- Submission of SACE I to Exam section : 1st year - 27th Dec., 2020
- Submission of SACE II to Exam section : 1st Year - 17th Jan., 2021
- Submission of SACE I to Exam section : LL.M. - 27th Dec., 2020
- Submission of SACE II to Exam section : LL.M. - 20th Jan., 2021

*- SACE I AND II IS FOR ALL PAPERS IN TWO INSTALLMENTS BASED ON TWO HALFS OF THE SEMESER LECTURES

EXAM SECTION TIME LINE FOR RELEASING SACE TOPICS TO STUDENTS

- The SACE topics to be released by Exam Section on the next day of the above schedule to the respective batches/ phases

The specs of the assignment

- Each assignment to be of approx. 2500 words exclusive of references
- In Arial or Times New Roman 12 size font
- One and half line spacing
- Standard Margins.
- 30 % Similarity with correct foot notes allowed.
- The content will be checked for Turnitin by a team of IT and Library supervised by Digital Team faculty
- A policy guideline on Turnitin use to be prepared by Digital Team and released to students by 23rd of December 2020

Marking of the SACE - Written Component

- Originality Quotient - 15 Marks
- Analytical Quotient - 08 Marks
- Language comprehension - 04 Marks
- Foot notes/end notes/bibliography - 03 Marks
- **TOTAL- 30 MARKS FOR EACH SACE SUBMISSION**

VIVA Marking- Guidelines

- Content of the response -10 marks (08 marks)
- Clarity of communication - 07 marks (05 marks)
- Language - 03 marks (02 marks)
- 2nd TO 5th Years & LL.M. - 20 MARKS (15 MARKS) for 1st YEAR

Note –

- All Viva to be recorded and stored.

Turnitin and SACE tutorials

- The Digital@HNLU will circulate a note on Turnitin policy and guidance for students.
- APC will also have an interactive session with First year students on queries relating to SACE model.

Submission Guidelines

- Each paper will have a designated email ID for submission and will be released by the Exam section prior to the submission deadline of SACE
- The Viva Schedule will be released by Exam section planned by the APC

PENALTY ON LATE SUBMISSIONS

- One day delay: one-mark deduction
- Two days delay: Two-marks deduction
- Three days delay: Three-marks deduction
- Four days delay: Four-marks deduction
- Five days delay: Five-marks deduction
- Post 5 days the submissions will not be taken for evaluation and also no viva will be conducted.
- Such students have to repeat the mid term/end term components. The methodology and timeline will be announced in due course.

Guidelines for SACE topics for teachers

- Option 1- a critical paragraph from a book or portions of a judgement or some observation in a court by a judge can be quoted with a open ended question – Agree or Disagree and to enumerate the reasons
- Option 2 - A case study can be given with few questions to answer in the essay
- Option 3 - a decided case law can be referred and pose critical questions to answer.
- Option 4 - Social Sciences papers can have questions based on a quoted article.

SOME SOURCES FOR FRAMING CRITICAL ESSAYS

- <https://testing.byu.edu/handbooks/WritingEffectiveEssayQuestions.pdf>
- <https://www.lawteacher.net/example-essays/>
- <https://www.lawteacher.net/law-help/essay/law-essay-writing-skills.php>

A Sample SACE – IPR

The philosophical foundations of IP is on shaky grounds and what drives the IP regime world over is on the competitive notion of business rather than justifiable rights- Critically analyse this statement based on the various theories of IPR.

A sample Environmental Law

- COVID Pandemic in a way is a wake up call for a new discourse on global cooperation on course correction of the developmental models which will restate the environmental paradigm – Enumerate your view points on the above statement

A sample for Corporate Law

1. The Future of Corporate Law jurisprudence in post pandemic world – Write a critical essay on this topic.

Queries and Grievances

- Any query relating to the SACE content/Viva / Turnitin to be addressed to apc@hnl.ac.in
- Any query relating to deadlines/ result declaration/ grievances to be addressed to exam@hnl.ac.in
- Avoid marking copies to Vice Chancellor or Registrar mail IDs on this subject.