1ST NLSIU-NHRC NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION CLARIFICATIONS

1. In paragraph 18, line 2 of the president's speech, I would like to confirm if the intended word is "can" or "cannot."

A: Cannot

2. In paragraph 26(a), could you clarify whether the reference is to "LCC" or "MCC"?

A: LCC

3. In paragraph 10, line 1, I would like to confirm if the year of the twat post is 2024 or 2576.

A: 2576

4. What is the PMF, its role and function? (Is it an international body for the state of Lau?)

A: The PMF plays the same role as the IMF plays in our world.

5. Para 26 A(a) section 152 of MCC is it not LCC (Lau Criminal Code) or BNS?, as it is mentioned in the previous para as LCC/BNS?

A: LCC.

6. Is the Constitutional Court of Law equivalent to the Supreme Court of India or the High Courts of India?

A: The Constitutional Court is the highest court of Lau. Its jurisdiction to hear the issue is not in question, and it has granted direct access for this dispute, to be heard solely on merits, on the issues outlines. Further information is unnecessary for this problem.

7. What is the punishment for the offence under section 8(1) of the Demonstration Act?

A: Six months' imprisonment.

8. Whether being in an unauthorized assembly is an offence or not?

A: Answer unnecessary.

9. When did the country Lau got its independence?

A: 75 years ago.

10. Issue B in Paragraph 26 of the Problem is "Section 8(1) of the Demonstration Act is unconstitutional for violating Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution." Are our arguments supposed to be restricted to 19(1)(a) alone and not 19(1)(b)?

A: Arguments based on the freedom of assembly can also be made in addition to arguments on free speech.

11. Did the protestors obtain prior permission to hold the protest on October 24, 2024?

A: With respect to the October 24 protest, the only challenge is a pure legal challenge to the Demonstration Act.

12. Is the term 'unauthorised assembly' in the Demonstration Act equivalent to Section 189 of the BNS?

A: No.

13. Is the Finance Act currently in effect?

A: Yes.

14. What justifications were provided by the government for the deployment of drones during protests?

A: National security.

15. Was the recent addition to Section 152 of the Lau Criminal Code (as underlined in the proposition) made specifically to address issues raised by the recent protests against the Finance Act, or is this a longstanding provision?

- A. No connection with the protests.
- 16. Is the Demonstration Act para materia to any other Indian Law?
 - A. No.
- 17. Is a FIR already registered and filed against Bala Madhu or are they being initiated?
 - A. FIRs have been registered.
- 18. Does the Issue 2 also include elements of Article 19(1)(b)?
 - A. Answered above.
- 19. Are the IT rules pari materia to IT Act or IT Rules 2021, or there any other statute or rules or guidelines similar to 2(4) Rule according to the moot problem?
 - A. Do your own research.
- 20. Is Bala Madhu part of endnotes collective?
 - A. Unknown.
- 21. Does the President of Lau have the same authority as prime minister of India?
 - A. He is the President in a Presidential system.
- 22. Has the court already dealt with the maintainability of the case?
 - A. Maintainability is not in dispute.
- 23. Could you clarify whether the arrests were solely due to mask-wearing in violation of the Demonstration Act or if any other reasons were cited?
 - A. The Demonstration Act challenge is solely on the legal validity of S. 8(1).
- 24. Were any other members of the Endnotes Collective arrested?
 - A. Members of the Endnotes Collective do not have identifying markers.

- 25. In Para 5 the parliament of Lau is mentioned, in Para 12,16 the national assembly of Lau is mentioned, are they the same. Furthermore, What is meant by the National Assembly, (is Lau having a unicameral legislature or is it passed by joint houses)?
 - A. Same institution. Unicameral.
- 26. Is Section 152 imposed solely on the Twat of October 17th?
 - A. Yes.
- 27. Who is the competent authority to determine unlawful assembly?
 - A. The Police Commissioner provides permission under the Act. This power is not subject to challenge in these proceedings.
- 28. Did the Press Information Bureau exist before the enactment of IT rules?
 - A. Yes.