

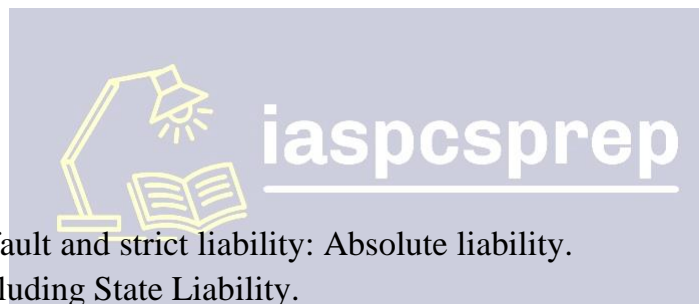
UPSC Mains Law Optional Paper-II Syllabus

Law of Crimes:

1. General principles of Criminal liability: mens rea and actus reus, mens rea in statutory offences.
2. Kinds of punishment and emerging trends as to abolition of capital punishment.
3. Preparations and criminal attempts.
4. General exceptions.
5. Joint and constructive liability.
6. Abetment.
7. Criminal conspiracy.
8. Offences against the State.
9. Offences against public tranquillity.
10. Offences against human body.
11. Offences against property.
12. Offences against women.
13. Defamation.
14. Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.
15. Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and subsequent legislative developments.
16. Plea bargaining.

Law of Torts:

1. Nature and definition.
2. Liability based upon fault and strict liability: Absolute liability.
3. Vicarious liability including State Liability.
4. General defences.
5. Joint tort lessors.
6. Remedies.
7. Negligence.
8. Defamation
9. Nuisance.
10. Conspiracy.
11. False imprisonment.
12. Malicious prosecution.
13. Consumer Protection Act, 1986.



Law of Contracts and Mercantile Law:

1. Nature and formation of contract/E-contract.
2. Factors vitiating free consent.
3. Void, voidable, illegal and unenforceable agreements.
4. Performance and discharge of contracts.
5. Quasi-contracts.

6. Consequences of breach of contract.
7. Contract of indemnity, guarantee and insurance.
8. Contract of agency.
9. Sale of goods and hire purchase.
- 10 Formation and dissolution of partnership.
11. Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.
12. Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996.
13. Standard form contracts.

Contemporary Legal Developments:

1. Public Interest Litigation.
2. Intellectual property rights-Concept, types/prospects.
3. Information Technology Law including Cyber Laws Concept, purpose/prospects.
4. Competition Law-Concept, purpose/prospects.
5. Alternate Dispute Resolution-Concept, types/ prospects.
6. Major statutes concerning environmental law.
7. Right to Information Act.
8. Trial by media.

Literature of the following languages:

NOTE (i). — A candidate may be required to answer some or all the Questions in the language concerned.

NOTE (ii). — In regard to the languages included in the Eighth Schedule to Constitution, the scripts will be the same as indicated in Section II (B) of Appendix I relating to the Main Examination.

NOTE (iii). — Candidates should note that the questions not required to be answered in a specific language will have to be answered in the language medium indicated by them for answering papers on Essay, General Studies and Optional Subjects.