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**MAIN EXAMINATION**

**SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2019 TRIMESTER**

**INSTITUTE OF CANON LAW**

**REGULAR PROGRAMME**

**JC-L 100: GENERAL NORMS I**

**WRITTEN EXAMINATION**

**Date: DECEMBER 2019**

**Duration: 2 Hours**

**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions**

- Q1. Explain the notion of promulgation of the law and the importance of the period of *vacatio legis* in the light of canons 7 and 8 of the 1983 Code of Canon Law. **(30 Marks)**
- Q2. Show an understanding of the principle of non-retroactivity of law and explain the conditions for retroactivity of law. **(20 Marks)**
- Q3. Canon 19 of the 1983 Code of Canon Law deals with the possibility of *lacuna legis* and how, in such cases reference must be made to “suppletory law”. Define *lacuna legis* and briefly describe the four sources of “suppletory law”. **(20 Marks)**
- Q4. a) Describe the different types of custom in relation to law.
- b) Explain how different types of custom may acquire the force of law.

**(20 Marks)**

Q5. a) Distinguish between the following:

- i) General Decrees and Instructions
- ii) Rescripts, Privileges and Dispensations
- iii Statutes and Rules of order

b) Briefly explain the different ways through which General Executory Decrees may cease to have effect. **(20**

**Marks)**

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