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MEDICal LEGAL REPORT

Answer Outline

**Q. MEDICAL LEGAL REPORT**

1. **INTRODUCTION:**

Medical legal reports are documents prepared by medical officer in response to a requisition of police officer. These reports are usually made in criminal cases. These reports have legal value in criminal cases.

1. **Medico legal report--- connotation of:**

It is a report prepared by a doctor, usually in criminal cases such as assault, rape or murder etc.

1. **Definition of medico legal reports:**

Medical legal reports are documents prepared by medical officer in response to a requisition of police officer. These reports are usually

Made in criminal cases

1. **Examples of Medical legal reports:**

Following are some examples of medical legal reports.

1. Injury reports.
2. Post mortum report.
3. Dying declaration.
4. Certificate of mantel fitness.
5. Certificate in connection with sexual offence.
6. **Who prepared medico legal report:**

(Doctors or authorized medical officers)

1. **Parts of medical legal report:**

There are two parts of a medico legal report.

**I:** **facts observed in examination**  **ii:** **opinion of doctors upon those facts**

1. **Rules for conducting MLR:**

Following are the essentials requirements for conducting a MLR.

1. **Time:**

MLR should be written at the time of examination.

1. **Care:**

Care should be used in preparing MLR.

1. **Formalities:** ( date, time, description)
2. **Identification of body:**
3. **Report must be simple and brief:**
4. **Report must based upon facts:**
5. **Report prepared by a medical officer:**
6. **Injuries must be described in detail:**
7. **Nature of injury:**
8. **Weapon of injury:**
9. **Cause of death:**
10. **Approximate time since death:**
11. **Clothing, weapons or any symptoms must also be examine:**

**(Please explain the above mentioned points)**

1. **Importance of medical legal reports:**

Following are the some points of importance of medical legal reports:

1. **Gaudiness of investigating officers:**
2. **Guilt of accused:**
3. **Expert evidence: (Article 59 of QSO 1984)**
4. **Contradiction in cross examination:**
5. **Corroboration to substantive evidence:**
6. **Ascertainment of cause of death:**
7. **Ascertainment of time of death:**
8. **Ascertainment of injury:**
9. **Ascertainment of weapon used:**

**(Please explain the above mentioned points)**

1. **Evidentiary value of medical legal report:**

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1. **Conclusion:**