Contract	Agreement enforceable by law.		
Agreement	Every promise and every set of promises forming consideration for each other.		
Offer/Proposal	When one person signifies to another his willingness to do or to abstain from doing anything with a view to obtaining the assent of that other to such act or abstinence, he is said to make a proposal.		
Acceptance	When the person to whom the proposal is made signifies his assent thereto, proposal is said to be accepted. The proposal, when accepted, becomes a promise.		
Consideration	When at the desire of the promisor, the promisee or any other person has done or abstain from doing or does or abstained from doing or promises to do or abstain from doing something such an act or abstinence or promise is called consideration for the promise.		
Unsound Mind	A person is said to be of unsound mind for the purpose of making contract if at the time when he makes it is not capable of understanding it and of forming a rational judgment to effect upon his interests.		
Consent	Two or more persons are said to consent when they agree upon the same thing in the same sense.		
Mistake	Mistake may be defined as innocent or erroneous belief which leads the party to misunderstand the others. Mistake may be either Bilateral or Unilateral.		
Contingent Contract	A contract to do or not to do something, if some event, collateral to such contract, does or does not happen.		
Essentials of a Valid			
Contract	(a) Agreement		
	(b) Free Consent-Major, Unsound Mind, Not otherwise disqualified		
	(c) Competency of Parties		
	(d) Lawful Consideration		
	(e) Not Expressly declared to be void		
	2. Not expressly given but are essential		
	(a)Intention to create legal relationship		
	(b) Fulfilment of legal formalities		
	(c) Certainty of meaning		
	(d) Possibility of Performance		
Types of Contracts	On the basis of Validity		
	Valid Contract-binding and enforceable, contains all the essential elements of a valid contract.		
	Void Contract-which ceases to be enforceable by law		

	Voidable Contract-agreement enforceable by law at the option of one or more of the parties thereto but not at the option of the other or others.		
	Illegal Agreement-Contract prohibited by the law. Not only the		
	main contract but also the related contract shall also be		
	unenforceable.		
	Unenforceable Contract- a contract good in substance but because		
	of some technical defect one or both the parties cannot sue upon it.		
	Tot some recrimical defect one or both the parties cannot sue upon it.		
	On the Basis of Formation		
	Express Contract-where the terms are expressed by words or in writing.		
	Implied Contract-that come into existence by action or conduct of the parties.		
	Quasi Contract-where, there is no intention on part of either party		
	to make a contract but law imposes a contract upon the parties.		
	E-Contract-When a contract is entered into by two or more parties		
	using electronics means.		
	On the Basis of Performance		
	Executed Contract-When the act is done or executed or the		
	forbearance is brought on record.		
	Executory Contract-the consideration is reciprocal promise or		
	obligation. Such consideration is to be performed in future only.		
	Two types-Unilateral and Bilateral		
Proposal/Offen			
Proposal/Offer (Definition explained)	1. The person making the proposal or offer is called the 'promisor' or 'offeror'.		
	2. For a valid offer, the party making it must express his willingness 'to do' or 'not to do' something.		
	3. The willingness must be expressed with a view to obtain the assent		
	of the other party to whom the offer is made.		
	4. An offer can be positive as well as negative:		
Kinds of Offer	General offer-an offer made to public at large and hence anyone can		
	accept and do the desired act. [Carlill v. Carbolic Smoke Ball Co.]		
	Special/Specific Offer- Offer made to a specific or an ascertained		
	person. Specific offer can be accepted only by that specified person		
	to whom the offer has been made. [Boulton v. Jones]		
	Cross offer- A cross offer is made when two parties make the same		
	offer to one another without knowing the other party has made an		
	offer, and the terms of both offers are identical.		

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	Counter Offer- When the offeree offers to qualified acceptance of		
	the offer subject to modifications and variations in the terms of		
	original offer, he is said to have made a counter offer.		
	Standing or continuing or open offer-An offer which is allowed to		
	remain open for acceptance over a period of time is known as standing		
	or continuing or open offer.		
Essentials of a Valid	1. It must be capable of creating legal relations.		
offer	2. It must be certain, definite and not vague.		
	3. It must be communicated to the offeree. [Lalman Shukla v.		
	GauriDutt]		
	4. It must be made with a view to obtaining the assent of the other party.		
	5. It may be conditional.		
	6. Offer should not contain a term the non-compliance of which		
	would amount to acceptance.		
	7. The offer may be either specific or general.		
	8. The offer may be express or implied.		
	9. Offer is Different from a mere statement of intention, an		
	invitation to offer, a mere communication of information, a		
	prospectus and Advertisement		
	10. A statement of price is not an offer [Harvey Vs. facie]		
Essentials of Valid	1. Acceptance can be given only by the person to whom offer is made.		
Acceptance	[Boulton vs. Jones]		
/ recoprance	2. Acceptance must be absolute and unqualified.		
	3. The acceptance must be communicated. [Brogden vs. Metropolitan Pailway Col.]		
	Railway Co]		
	4. Acceptance must be in the prescribed mode.		
	5. Acceptance must be given within the specified time		
	6. Mere silence is not acceptance [Felthouse vs. Bindley] 7. Acceptance by conduct /Tmplied Acceptance		
	7. Acceptance by conduct/Implied Acceptance		
Communication of Offer	Communication of Offer:		
and Acceptance	When a proposal is made by post, its communication will be complete		
	when the letter containing the proposal reaches the person to whom		
	it is made.		
	Communication of Acceptance:		
	1. As against the proposer, when it is put in the course of		
	transmission to him so as to be out of the power of the acceptor to		
	withdraw the same;		
	2. As against the acceptor, when it comes to the knowledge of the		
	proposer.		
Revocation of offer and	A proposal can be revoked at any time before the communication of		
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acceptance	its acceptance is complete as against the proposer.		
	An acceptance may be revoked at any time before the communication		
	of acceptance is complete as against the acceptor.		
Modes of Revocation of	,		
Offer	2. By lapse of time		
	3. By non-fulfilment of condition precedent		
	4. By death or insanity		
	5. By Counter Offer		
	6. By the non-acceptance of the offer according to the prescribed or		
	usual mode 7. Py subsequent illegality		
Local Dulas Decembra	7. By subsequent illegality 1. Consideration must make at the desire of the promiser	-	
Legal Rules Regarding Consideration	1. Consideration must move at the desire of the promisor.	ا ۵	
Consideration	2. Consideration may move from promisee or any other person [Chinnayya vs. Ramayya]		
	3. Executed and executory consideration		
	4. Consideration may be past present or future		
	5. Consideration need not be adequate		
	6. Performance what one is legally bound to perform- Consideration	on	
	must not be performance of existing duty		
	7. Consideration must be real and not illusory		
	8. Consideration must not be unlawful immoral or opposed to public		
	policy		
Validity of an agreement	General rule- An agreement made without consideration is void.		
without consideration	Exceptions-		
	1. Completed Gifts		
	2. Charity		
	3. Bailment		
	4. Agency		
	5. Natural Love & Affection-four conditions-		
	(a)Natural love & affection		
	(b)Near Relationship		
	(c)Writing		
	(d) Registered		
	6. Compensation for past voluntary service-		
	(a)Service rendered without request		
	(b)Services rendered to Promisor		
	(c)Promisor must be in existence of the time when		
	(c)Promisor must be in existence of the time when services were rendered (d)Promisor must intended to compensate the		

	promisee. (e) Promise to pay time barred debt (If written and sign commitment)	
Privity of Contract	Stranger to a contract can't sue is known as "Doctrine of Privity of Contract" Following are the exceptions: 1. In The case of trust. 2. In the case of family settlement 3. In the case of certain marriage contract/arrangements 4. In the case of assignment 5. Acknowledgement or estoppel	
	6. Contract entered by an agent7. In the case of covenant running with the land	
Rules Regarding	7. In the case of covenant running with the land	
Agreement of Minor	1. Minor's agreement is void-ab-initio [Mohori Bibi vs. Dharmo Das Ghose]	
	2. No Ratification after attaining majority	
	3. Minor can be beneficiary (a promissory note duly executed in	
	favour of a minor can be sued upon by him and he may yet accept a benefit. Also, he can be admitted to the benefits of partnership with the consent of all partners.)	
	4. Minor can always plead minority-if minor falsely represents himself as major	
	5. Liability for necessaries-No personal liability, estate may be held liable if-	
	(a) The contract must be for the goods reasonably necessary for his support in the station in life.	
	(b) The minor must not have already a sufficient supply of these necessaries.	
	6. Contract by guardian-guardian can, under certain circumstances enter into a valid contract on minor's behalf	
	7. No specific performance: No specific performance can be claimed from minor	
	8. Minor cannot be declared insolvent.	
	9. Minor cannot bind parent or guardian even for necessaries	
	10. Joint contract by Minor and Adult- only adult will be liable but minor will not be liable.	
	11. Surety (guarantor) for Minor- such adult person will be liable for third party.	
	12. Minor as a Shareholder: Minor cannot become a shareholder in	

	any company But, a minor may, acting though his lawful guardian become a shareholder by transfer or transmission of fully paid shares to him. 13. Liability for Torts (crimes)-Tort is a civil wrong and minor is liable for such torts.		
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Person Of Unsound Mind	 Person who is usually of unsound mind but occasionally of sound mind-may make a contract when he is of sound mind. Person who is usually of sound mind but occasionally of unsound mind- may not a make a contract when he is of unsound mind. Rule of necessaries supplied- same as a minor. 		
Contract by Disqualified Person	Convict person, Insolvent person, Alien enemy- Can't make valid contract.		
	Diplomatic person or ambassador- can make valid contract but in case of Breach of contract legal suit/case can be filed with approval of government.		
	Corporation- can make valid contract according to the power of memorandum (MOA).		
Free Consent	Consent is said to be free when it is not caused by- o Coercion (Section 15) o Undue Influence (Section 16) o Fraud (Section 17) o Misrepresentation (Section 18)		
Coercion	 Committing or threatening to commit any act forbidden by Indian penal code. The un lawful detaining or threatening to detain any property to the prejudice (against interest) of any person. 		
	Effects of Coercion- 1. Contract- Voidable 2. If contract rescinded-all benefits received to be restored 3. Any person who has received any money-must return it.		
Undue Influence	Where relation existing b/w parties are such that one of the parties is in a position to dominate the will of the other and he uses that position to obtain unfair advantage over the other.		
	Essential Ingredients- 1. Relation b/w parties 2. Position to dominate the will- Real and apparent authority, Fiduciary relationship, Mental distress, Unconscionable bargain 3. The object must be to take undue advantage. 4.Burden of proof- on dominant person		

Fraud	1. the suggestion of fact which is not true by one who does not	
Effect of Fraud	believe it to be true	
	2. the active concealment of a fact	
	3. a promise made without any intention of performing it.	
	4. any other act fitted to deceive;	
	5. any such act or omission as the law specially declares to be	
	fraudulent.	
	Generally- silence not treated as a fraud but when its duty of pe	
	is to speak about fact, then silence is treated as a fraud. Following	
	contracts come under this category:	
	1. Fiduciary Relationship	
	2. Contract of Insurance	
	3. Contract of Marriage	
	4. Contract of Family Settlement	
	5. Share Allotment Contract	
	Aggrieved party can-	
	1. Rescind the contract within reasonable time	
	2. Sue for damages.	
	3. Insist on performance of contract or the condition that he shall be	
	put in the position in which he would have been had if the	
	representation was made true	
Misrepresentation	1. If a person makes false statement that he believes to be true but	
	is not justified by info. he possesses.	
	2. Breach of duty by a person without any intention to deceive.	
	3. Where a party innocently causes the other party to the agreement	
	make a mistake as to subject matter.	
	Where a party to a contract commits fraud or misrepresentation, but	
	the other party is not, in fact, misled by such fraud or	
	misrepresentation, the contract cannot be avoided by the latter.	
Mistake	Mistake- An innocent or erroneous belief which leads the party to	
	misunderstand the others	
	Mistake of Law:	
	Mistake of Indian law- doesn't render the contract void	
	Mistake of Foreign Law- treated as mistake of fact	
	Mistake of Fact:	
	If both the parties are at mistake-agreement is void.	
Legality of Object and	The consideration or object of an agreement is lawful, unless-	
Consideration	1. It is forbidden by law (e.g. Dowry)	
	2. Is of such a nature that, if permitted, it would defeat the	
	provisions of any law (e.g. giving son in adoption in lieu of annual	
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	allowance)			
	3. Is fraudulent			
	4. Involves injury to the person or property of another			
	5. The court regards it as immoral			
	6. Opposed to public policy.			
Agreements opposed to	1. Trading with enemy			
public policy	2. Stifling Prosecution			
	3. Maintenance and Champerty- generally valid-unless-(a)			
	Unreasonable or unjust (b)Malicious motive			
	4. Trafficking relating to Public Offices and titles			
	5. Agreements tending to create monopolies			
	6. Marriage brokerage agreements			
	7. Interference with the course of justice			
	8. Interest against obligation			
	9. Consideration Unlawful in Part			
Void Agreements	1. Agreement in restraint of marriage (Section 26)			
Void 7igi eemenis	2. Agreement in restraint of trade (Section 27) [Exceptions-Sale of			
	Goodwill, Agreement by Outgoing Partner, Agreement between			
	Partners, Agreement with Employer]			
	3. Agreement in restraint of legal proceedings (Section 28)			
	4. Agreement - the meaning of which is uncertain (Section 29)			
	5. Wagering agreement (Section 30)[Lottery transactions, Crossword			
	Puzzles and Competitions, Speculative transactions, Horse Race			
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Essentials of Offer for	1. Unconditional			
Performance	2. made at a proper time and place			
	3. If offer is to deliver anything then the promisee must have a			
	reasonable opportunity of seeing that the thing offered is the thing			
	which was promised under the contract.			
Effect of refusal of	Aggrieved party can either:			
party to perform wholly	(i) Terminate the contract or,			
	(ii) Indicate by words or by conduct that he is interested in its			
	continuance			
By whom contract may	1. Promisor himself [contracts involving exercise of personal skill or			
be performed	diligence, or which are founded on personal confidence between the			
	parties]			
	2.Agent [Where personal consideration is not involved]			
	3. Legal Representatives [LR of deceased promisor will be bound to			
	perform if personal skills not involved-But their liability under a			
	contract is limited to the value of the property they inherit]			
	4. Third persons [When a promisee accepts performance of the			
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	promise from a third person, he cannot afterwards enforce it against the promisor.]
	5. Joint promisors [All joint promisors liable, if any one of JP/or all JP die LR of JP(s) shall be liable to perform]
Liability of Joint	1. Promisee can compel any one or more of such joint promisors to
Promisor & Promisee	perform the whole of the promise. [in case of absence agreement to
	contrary]
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	2. If one of the joint promisors is made to perform the whole
	contract, he can call for a contribution from others.
Time and place for	1. Time for performance where no application is to be made and no
performance of the	time is specified- Performance to be made within reasonable time
promise	without application
	2. Time and place for performance where time is specified and no
	application to be made- Performance to be made during usual business
	hours on the day/date specified.
	3. Place for the performance where no application to be made and no
	place fixed for performance- duty of the promisor to apply to the
	promisee to appoint a reasonable place for the performance of the
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	promise, and to perform it at such a place.
	5. Performance to be made in manner or at time prescribed or
	sanctioned by promise Dariyani
Performance of	1. Promisor not bound to perform, unless reciprocal promise ready
reciprocal promise	and willing to perform
	2. Order of performance of reciprocal promises- If fixed perform as
	per that order, If not fixed- as per the nature of transaction
	3. Liability of party preventing event on which the contract is to take
	effect- Contract voidable at the option of aggrieved party
	4. Effect of default as to that promise which should be first
	performed, in contract consisting of reciprocal promises-such person
	liable for compensation
	5. Effects of Failure to Perform at a Time Fixed in a Contract in
	which time is essential [(a) If time is essential-contract voidable (b)
	If time is not essential-contract not voidable, only compensation can
	be claimed, (c) If performance accepted other than agreed time-
	compensation can be claimed only if notice of such intention given at
	the time of acceptance of performance]
	6. Agreement to do impossible act [In next section]
	7. Reciprocal promise to do certain things that are legal, and also
	some other things that are illegal [Legal part-valid contract, illegal
	part-void agreement]
	8. 'Alternative promise' one branch being illegal [Only legal branch can

	be enforced]		
Impossibility of	' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' '		
Performance	(i) If known to the parties- Void-al		
	(ii) If unknown to the parties- Voic		
	(iii) If known to the promisor only- promisee is entitled to claim compensation		
Appropriation of	1. Where debt to be discharged is indicated- the payment is to be		
payments	applied accordingly.	is not indicated specified may apply	
	it at his discretion to any lawful de	s not indicated- creditor may apply	
	·	neither party appropriates- applied	
		of time including time barred debt.	
Contracts, which need		and alteration of contract (Section	
not be performed - with	62)	·	
the consent of both the	(i) Novation- substitution of a new	contract for the old.	
parties	(ii) Rescission- Cancellation of the	contract	
	(iii) Alteration- Alteration in certain terms of the contract		
	2. Promisee may waive or remit performance of promise (Section 63)-discharge of contract by remission		
	3. Restoration of Benefit under a Voidable Contract (Section 64)-		
	Where aggrieved party rescinds voidable contract, it must return any		
	benefit received.		
	4. Obligations of Person who has Received Advantage under Void		
	Agreement or contract that becomes void (Section 65)-all benefits		
	received under void agreement to be returned		
	5. Communication of rescission (Section 66)- communication of recession of voidable contract to be made.		
	recession of volumble contract to be made.		
Discharge Of A			
Contract	Discharge by performance	(i)Actual Performance	
		(ii) Attempted Performance	
	Discharge by mutual agreement	Novation, Rescission, Alteration	
		and Remission	
	Discharge by impossibility of		
	performance	(ii) Destruction of the subject-	
		matter	
		(iii) Non-existence or non-	
		occurrence of particular state	

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		of things due to personal
		incapacity
		(iv) Declaration of a war
	Discharge by lapse of time	Eg time barred debt
	Discharge by operation of law	Eg Death,insolvency
	Discharge by breach of contract	Actual or Anticipatory breach
	Promisee may waive or remit	Remission
	performance of promise	
	Neglect of promisee to afford	Promisor is excused by such
	promisor reasonable facilities	neglect or refusal as to any non-
	for performance	performance
	Merger of rights	When inferior rights and the
		superior rights coincide
Remedies for Breach of	1. Suit for Damages	
Contract	2. Recission of Contract	
	3. Suit for Specific Performance	[Where damages are not adequate
	remeady]	- 3
	4. Suit for Quantum Meruit	
		in the party from doing what he
	promised not to do]	The party from doing what he
Suit for Damages	Ordinary damages 12 Dariy Loss that naturally arose in the	
l an for Gamages	o, ama , amages	usual course of things.
	Special damages	Can be claimed only when a party
		to a contract receives a notice
		of special circumstances
		affecting the contract
	Vindictive or exemplary damages	Only in two cases-(i)Breach of
	The state of the s	promise to marry (ii) Wrongful
		dishonour of cheque
	Nominal Damages	Where plaintiff proves that
	1 Vollina Dallages	there has been a breach but he
		has not in fact suffered any real
		damage
	Damages for deterioration	'Deterioration' not only implies
	caused by delay	physical damages to the goods
	Lausea by delay	but it may also mean loss of
		special opportunity for sale
		special opportunity for sale
	Dna fixed Damassa	(i) Liquidated Damasas (ii)
	Pre-fixed Damages	(i) Liquidated Damages (ii) Penalty

Quantum Meruit		3. Where there is an express or i but there is no agreement as to re 4. When one party abandons or ref 5. Where a contract is divisible enjoyed the benefit of part perfor 6. When an indivisible contract performed but badly the person w	a party not in default ruit arises- rany intention to do so gratuitously. mplied contract to render services muneration. ruses to perform the contract. and the party not in default has
Essentials of Contingent Contract	а	 Performance depends upon the happening or non-happening of some event or condition. The event referred to is collateral to the contract. The contingent event should not be a mere 'will' of the promisor. The event must be uncertain. 	
Rules relating enforcement Contingent Contract	to of	Contracts contingent upon an event happening	(i) Can't be enforced until that event happens (ii) If the event becomes impossible-contract will become void
		Contracts contingent on an event not happening Contracts contingent upon the conduct of a living person	Can be enforced only when it's happening becomes impossible. Become void when that living person does something to make the event as impossible of happening.
		Contingent on happening of specified event within the fixed time	Will become void if that event doesn't happen within the time fixed, or if, before the time fixed, such event becomes impossible.
		Contingent on specified event not happening within fixed time	Can be enforced if such event has not happened before the time fixed or if it becomes certain that such event will not

		happen
	Contingent on an impossible	
	event	impossible event happens.
	eveni	impossible event happens.
Quasi Contract	 Claim for necessaries supplied to persons incapable of contracting [Person entitled to be reimbursed from the property of incapable person] Payment by an interested person [Such interested person is entitled to be reimbursed] Obligation of person enjoying benefits of non-gratuitous act Responsibility of finder of goods Money paid by mistake or under coercion (Section 72) 	
Obligation of person	Conditions to be fulfilled:	
enjoying benefits of		
non-gratuitous act	2. The act was not done gratuitously; and	
Thom grandings don	3. The other person enjoyed the benefit.	
Responsibility of finder	A finder of lost goods has:	
of goods	1. to take proper care of the property as man of ordinary prudence would take	
	2. no right to appropriate the goods and	
	3. to restore the goods if the owner is found.	
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