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Jurisprudence is closely inter-related with other social sciences since all of them are concerned with human behaviour in society.

G.M.Paton “observed modern jurisprudence trenches on the field of social science and of philosophy; it digs into the historical past and attempts to create symmetry of a garden out of the luxuriant chaos of conflicting legal system.”

Dean Roscoe Pound who propounded the theory of law as a ‘social engineering’ pointed out that jurisprudence is closely inter-linked with ethics, economics, politics, and sociology which though distinct enough as the core, are shade into each other. All other social sciences must co-ordinate with jurisprudence to make it a functional branch of knowledge.

Sociology and Jurisprudence

This branch is based on social theories. It is essentially concerned with the influence of law on the society at large particularly when we talk about social welfare. G.W.Paton gave 3 obvious reasons as a relation between law and sociology:

- It enables a better understanding of the evolution and development of law;
- It provides great substream for an identity of law commensurate with human needs and social interests;
- and provides objectivity to legal interpretation which is need of the hour.

Jurisprudence and Psychology

No human science can be described properly without a thorough knowledge of Human Mind. Hence, Psychology has a close connection with Jurisprudence. Relationship of Psychology and Law is established in the branch of Criminological Jurisprudence. Both psychology and jurisprudence are interested in solving questions such as motive behind a crime, criminal personality, reasons for crime etc.

Jurisprudence and Ethics

Ethics has been defined as the science of Human Conduct. It strives for ideal Human Behavior.

This is how Ethics and Jurisprudence are interconnected:

- a. Ideal Moral Code– This could be found in relation to Natural Law.
- b. Positive Moral Code– This could be found in relation to Law as the Command of the Sovereign.
- c. Ethics is concerned with good human conduct in the light of public opinion.
- d. Jurisprudence is related with Positive Morality in so far as the law is the instrument to assert positive ethics.
- e. Jurisprudence believes that Legislations must be based on ethical principles. It is not to be divorced from Human principles.
- f. Ethics believes that No law is good unless it is based on sound principles of human value.

A Jurist should be adept in this science because unless he studies ethics, he won't be able to criticize the law. However, Austin disagreed with this relationship.

Jurisprudence and Economics

Economics studies man's efforts in satisfying his wants and producing and distributing wealth. Both Jurisprudence and Economics are sciences and both aim to regulate the lives of the people. Both of them try to develop the society and improve the life of an individual. Karl Marx was a pioneer in this regard.

Jurisprudence and History

History studies past events. Development of Law for the administration of justice becomes sound if we know the history and background of legislation and the way law has evolved. The branch is known as Historical Jurisprudence.

Jurisprudence and Politics

In a politically organized society, there are regulations and laws which lay down authoritatively what a man may and may not do. Thus, there is a deep connection between politics and Jurisprudence

SELF-TEST QUESTIONS

S.NO	Question	Option (a)	Option (b)
1.	Jurisprudence has not an educational value	True	false
2.	The study of jurisprudence helps to put the law in its proper context by considering the needs of the society and by taking note of the advances in related and relevant disciplines.	True	false
3.	Jurisprudence is the eye of law and the grammar of law	True	false
4.	Jurisprudence helps the judges and lawyers in ascertaining the true meaning of the laws	True	false
5.	Study of jurisprudence is not an opportunity for the lawyer to bring theory and life into focus, for it concerns human thought in relation to social existence.	True	false

Answers: 1-(b),2-(a), 3-(a),4-(a), 5-(b)