

Important legal terms, foreign words & set expressions to be used in your own sentences

(for question 1 which carries 10 marks)

Sr. No	Word / Expression	Meaning	Example
1	ab initio	From the first act / from the beginning	An agreement with minor is void ab initio
2	charge	a formal assertion of illegality/wrongdoing	He appeared in the court and denied the charge of murder
3	ad litem	appointed by the court for the suit / for the purpose of particular lawsuit	Generally, the courts appoint a guardian ad litem where children are involved.
4	acquittal	Setting free from the charge of an offence through court verdict	The case ended with the <i>acquittal</i> of the defendant.
5	bona fide	in good faith	He made bona fide offer to negotiate.
6	abet	to incite	Rosy <i>abetted</i> the thief in his getaway.
7	mens rea	criminal intention	The prosecution could not prove his mens rea .
8	ad hoc	for this / for a particular purpose	The President appointed an ad hoc committee to study the project.
9	adjourn	to have a pause during trial	The judge adjourned the case for 7 weeks for expert witness.
10	in camera	In the judge's chamber	The trial was held in camera because the accused was only 14 years old.
11	agreement	joining together of two or more minds in anything done	He signed an agreement to buy the property.
12	allegation	accusation	Those allegations seriously hurt her reputation.

13	Attorney-General	The chief law officer of the country	Venkataramani has been appointed as the new Attorney General of India.
14	adverse possession	hostile possession	He claimed ownership of the land through adverse possession .
15	amicus curiae	friend of the court / a professional person who gives advice to a court of law on a case in which he is not involved	The Supreme Court appointed senior advocate KV Vishanathan as amicus curiae in the ED director extension case.