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NALSAR UNIVERSITY OF LAW, HYDERABAD  
P.G.DIPLOMA IN MEDIA LAWS  
2004-05**

**PAPER II- MEDIA –LEGAL FRAMEWORK**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**MARKS: 60**

***INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES***

- 1. The questions to be interpreted as given and no clarification can be sought from the invigilator**
- 2. No printed or handwritten materials will be allowed in the hall.**
- 3. All questions carry equal marks (15 marks each)**
- 4. Clearly indicate the Question numbers**

***ANSWER ANY FOUR OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS***

1. There is a growing demand for decriminalization of defamation. What does it mean? Answer the questions with reference to differences between Defamation as a crime and Defamation as a civil wrong.
2. Explain the obscenity and indecency vis-à-vis media's responsibility. Discuss the provisions in the Constitution of India and other enactments.
3. Before withdrawing the cases of privilege against The Hindu and other newspapers, the Journalists approached the courts to review the issue of privileges having an effect of overriding the freedom of speech and expression. What is the position at present on the issue of freedom of press versus parliamentary privileges? What are the limitations on the freedom of press in reporting the proceedings of the parliament or legislative assembly? Answer with relevant case law.
4. The defamation of judges is different from contempt of court. Do you agree with it? What are differences, if any? Can a journalist criticize the performance of a judge in deciding cases and performance of courts in a particular district or state? Explain the answer with reference to relevant sections in Contempt of Court Act, Penal Code and Constitution of India.

5. What is exception 9 to the Crime of Defamation? How and who can take the benefit of that exception. Explain with case law.
6. Write Short Notes on
  - a) Privilege as a defence in Criminal Defamation
  - b) Truth as a defence in Civil Defamation
  - c) Press Council of India