

**NALSAR PROXIMATE EDUCATION  
NALSAR UNIVERSITY OF LAW, HYDERABAD  
P.G.DIPLOMA IN MEDIA LAWS**

**2005-06**

**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. All questions carry equal marks (15 marks each)**
- 3. Clearly indicate the Question numbers**

**ANSWER ANY FOUR OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS**

1. What is right to reputation and how it operates as limitation on freedom of speech and expression? Can a public official question the severe adverse criticism in a newspaper, through a criminal complaint and a civil case for compensation?
2. Under what circumstances, the IPC and Indecent Representation of Women Act 1986 can curb the freedom of a dancer from performing the dance in public? Explain it with suitable examples.
3. If written complaints about corruption against a High Court Judge are forwarded to Chief Justice of that State, can a newspaper use those complaints to write a story against that judge? What will be the legal repercussions of such writing? Do you think press has no such freedom?
4. What is sedition? What are other restrictions against writings under Indian Penal Code?
5. Explain under what exceptions of Section 499 the 'fair comment' is provided as a defence to defamation.
6. Write short notes on:
  - a) Scandalizing the courts
  - b) Truth as a defence in defamation cases
  - c) Working Journalists Act