

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

2006-07

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 fair comment? How does it expand the freedom of speech and expression? Explain it from the point of view of defence to defamation, with case law.
2. Examine the interface between freedom of expression and the privileges of parliament. Do you think that the press was within the legal limits when it exposed the ‘bribe for questions’ in Indian Parliament?
3. What is your response to recent incidents like public display of kissing and its ‘live’ telecast by media? Can such events be curbed using the provisions of restrictions on rights of expression of people including the media?
4. “Truth” became a defence to the charge of ‘contempt of court’, recently. Explain the criminal contempt of court and the defences available to media.
5. What is the scope and impact of Defamation as a civil wrong on press freedom? Whether the Government or local body can sue the newspaper for damages for harming the reputation?
6. Write short notes on:
 1. Hicklin test
 2. Legality of criticism of Parliamentary proceedings
 3. Simi Garewal Case