

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

2008-09

PAPER I- MEDIA AND PUBLIC POLICY

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 are the ethics of media during elections as per the theories of mass media? Do you agree with the manner of reporting terrorist attacks in Mumbai recently? Why?
2. In the present ownership scenario in Media organizations, is it justified to retain the extent of freedom of speech and expression as available now? Explain what is reasonable restriction? Do you think that executive can impose restrictions on media for national security?
3. Explain the role of Supreme Court in expanding and consolidating the freedom of expression as media's freedom in democratic India.
4. Do you think that it is proper for the government to spend hundreds of crores of rupees for advertising the programs and schemes of Government? Is it ethical? Why should any government give the advertisements as if it is a corporate body to give publicity and make an appeal for votes till the notification for elections is issued? Discuss the constitutional basis of commercial speech and state responsibility.
5. Explain the strengths and weaknesses of the Press Council of India. Do you think that there is a need for constituting Media Council of India in its place?
6. Write short notes on:
 - a) National Anthem Case
 - b) Indian Express case
 - c) Freedom of press in emergency