

**NALSAR PROXIMATE EDUCATION
NALSAR UNIVERSITY OF LAW, HYDERABAD**

**P.G.DIPLOMA IN MEDIA LAWS
2011-12**

Supplementary Exams (December, 2012)

PAPER II- MEDIA - REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

Time: 2 ½ hours.

TOTAL MARKS: 90

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 each).**
- 4. Answer any six questions, additional answers after 6 answers will be not marked.**
- 5. Clearly indicate the Question numbers.**
- 6. Short notes not to exceed 75 words, Long answers not to exceed 250 words.**
- 7. Imaginary case laws used in the answer will result in striking of the answers in total.**

ANSWER ANY SIX OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ONLY

1. What is criminal contempt of court? Is truth a complete defence to charge of contempt of court?
2. What is Hicklin test? Is it valid today in India to judge the obscene character of media content either on television or print media? Explain in the context of laws and judgments.
3. What is sedition? Do you approve charging Aseem Trivedi of sedition for drawing some cartoons recently? Explain the legal provisions.
4. What is difference between civil defamation and criminal defamation? Do you agree with awarding 100 Crore rupees as damages in case of defamation of Justice P B Sawant in 2011? Give reasons.
5. What is fair comment? Do you have right to express whatever opinion you want to? Explain with reference to defences to criminal defamation and civil defamation.
6. What is decision in Hulton v Jones? Whether publisher is liable for unintentional defamation? How is it relevant in Indian circumstances?
7. Do you justify the penal actions against social media expression? Explain in terms of freedom of expression of the internet.
8. Write short notes on any two
 - a. Privileges
 - b. Apology in Contempt of Court case
 - c. Official Secrets Act