

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

**2012-13
Supplementary Exams (December, 2013)**

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, only the first six questions will be marked.**
- 5. Answers without Question numbers will not be marked.**
- 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 contempt of Court? Explain the difference between Civil Contempt and Criminal Contempt of Court. Can an editor write critically against a court judgment?
2. Why truth should be a defence to the criminal charge of defamation when a newspaper criticizes the functioning of a Chief Minister? If a suit for defamation is filed, what is the role of 'truth' and 'honest opinion'? Explain with case law.
3. If during the proceedings of a session, an MP Mr X calls another MP Mr Y as a murderer, without specific charge or basis, whether MP Mr Y can initiate prosecution for crime of defamation and suit for damages? If the context of criticism is a public meeting, what is the liability?
4. Whether fair comment is an effective defence? Explain with decided case law.
5. What are the ten exceptions to defamation as per Indian Penal Code?
6. What do you mean by the pre-censorship? Is pre-censorship constitutionally valid? Justify the answer. Do you support the censorship of internet media content before publication?
7. What is the purpose of Cinematography Act? Explain its salient features with reference to freedom of the media.
8. Write short notes on any two:
 - a. Defamation of Dead
 - b. Publication
 - c. Sub-judice