

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

**2017 – 2018
Supplementary Exams (December, 2018)**

PAPER I- MEDIA AND PUBLIC POLICY

Time: 2 ½ hours.

TOTAL MARKS: 100

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 / mobile phone / electronic devices will be allowed in the hall.**
- 3. All questions carry equal marks (20 each).**
- 4. Answer any five (5) questions, only the first five (5) questions will be marked.**
- 5. Answers without Question numbers will not be marked.**
- 6. Short notes not to exceed 350 words, Long answers not to exceed 750 words.**
- 7. Imaginary case laws used in the answer will result in striking of the answers intotal.**
- 8. Answers in illegible handwriting will not be taken into consideration.**

ANSWER ANY FIVE (5) OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ONLY(5 x 20 marks = 100 marks)

1. A popular daily newspaper “The News of Bharath” reported a minor girl’s rape in a north Indian state with details mentioning the name of the victim, her religion and also the family members. A senior lady advocate brought this reporting to the apex court and complained of the violation of child’s rights. She also complained that it was unnecessary parallel media trial of the crime.

With regard to above facts, answer the following questions:

- a) Identify the crime/s allegedly committed by “The News of Bharath”?
 - b) Whether newspaper has freedom of press to report news item of the ghastly crime, as a matter of duty towards its readers?
 - c) What restrictions can be imposed by the apex court under Indian Constitution with reference to above report?
 - d) Which provisions of law can be invoked by the complainant?
2. Explain Libertarian Theory and the Social Responsibility Theory of the Media.
 3. What is the definition of ‘information’ and what is right to information? Explain main features of RTI Act.
 4. Why right to information is considered as part of freedom of speech and expression under Article 19(1)(a) of Indian Constitution? Does it also include freedom of press, freedom of electronic media and also social media?

5. What are the grounds for imposing reasonable restrictions as per the Constitution of India? Whether these restrictions operate on postings on facebook, whatsapp or twitter?
6. How the Press Council is constituted? What are the authorities of the Press Council?
7. Write short notes on any **two (2)** of the following: (2 x 10 marks = 20 marks)
 - a) Authoritarian Theory of Media
 - b) Vernacular Process Act
 - c) Privacy