

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

**2018 – 2019
Annual Exams (May, 2019)**

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. Write short notes on any **two (2)** of the following: (2 x 10 marks = 20 marks)
 - a) Indian Express Case
 - b) Ethics of media in reporting communal riots
 - c) Scandalizing the judge
2. A Union Minister Mr Pandey, a contesting candidate, campaigning in Lok Sabha Elections, said that during their rule, the Indian soldiers bravely hit back neighbouring army and successfully prevented the infiltration. He has also exhibited the photograph of a brave soldier. The Election Commission issued a notice to take action for breach of Moral Code of Conduct. The Minister contended that as a candidate, he has the freedom of speech and expression. Whether his freedom can be restricted?
3. "The India" newspaper Editor Mr Rao has applied under RTI for a certified copy of defence deal to purchase Big Guns from Sweden. The Central Information Commission directed the defence department to provide the copy of the document after removing technical specifications of the weapons, holding that disclosure of negotiations for price cannot be considered as threat to security of nation and that can be disclosed after the process is completed. The Government filed a writ petition challenging the CIC order of disclosure. Meanwhile the newspaper published Photo-copy of two pages of the file notings in which the deviation from norms by the Government was discussed. Meanwhile the PIL filed by Editor before Supreme Court for probe into corruption behind the deal came up for hearing. The RTI matter also reached the Supreme Court. Government threatened to prosecute the journalist for stealing key document. The Government contended that a journalist being part of an organization has no right to information, as only individual citizens were given that right. Decide.

4. Explain amendment to Contempt of Court Act. Under what circumstances truth can be pleaded by condemnor in defence? Is it a complete defence?
5. An actress filed a suit against a TV channel for discussing her mobile call details quoting her calls during the midnights. A) Explain the grounds on which film actress can seek action. B) As a lawyer for TV channel how do you defend?
6. Do you think that the Information Technology Act, with recent amendments imposed fresh restrictions on press freedom?
7. Write short notes on any **two (2)** of the following: (2 x 10 marks = 20 marks)
 - a) Social Responsibility theory
 - b) Right to privacy and Article 19(2)
 - c) Reasonable Restrictions