

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

**2018 – 2019  
Supplementary Exams (Nov-Dec, 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. Answers without Question numbers will not be marked.**
- 4. Short notes not to exceed 350 words, Long answers not to exceed 750 words.**
- 5. Imaginary case laws used in the answer will result in striking of the answers intotal.**
- 6. Answers in illegible handwriting will not be taken into consideration.**

**ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:**

**First & last questions are compulsory; Answer any two out of other questions.**

1. Praja Party was supporting the strike of employees of Road Transport Corporation. Opposing the policies of the Government, the Praja Party gave a call for Bundh of entire State of Telugu Pradesh. The editor of newspaper Telugu Vani could not reach the office and most of his colleagues also could not take out their personal transport vehicles because of Bundh. Though Praja Party initially promised to exempt the newspaper office, they could not control their workers, who went on rampage and hit the vehicles on the road, in which a journalist's car was damaged and he was injured. Praja Party president, Reddy criticized the transport minister saying that because of his corruption the Corporation suffered heavy losses.
  - a) Journalist sued the political party for compensation to injury caused to him and damage to car. Decide. **(15 Marks)**
  - b) Editor filed a writ petition to declare bundh as violative of his freedom of speech and also the right to life. Decide. **(15 Marks)**
  - c) Government authorized the transport minister to launch criminal prosecution on Praja Party President. Decide **(15 Marks)**
2. Whether freedom of Speech and Expression includes the Freedom of Press? Why the framers of the Constitution did not include freedom of press specifically? Do you find any advantage in this age of technology in such non-inclusion? **(15 Marks)**
3. How criminal contempt is different from civil contempt? Explain the power of Constitutional courts to punish for contempt. **(15 Marks)**

4. Right to information helps in exercise of freedom of speech and expression. Do you agree or not? Explain. **(15 Marks)**
5. Write short notes on **any two** of the following: **(2 x 12.5 marks = 25 marks)**
  - a) Press Council
  - b) Obscenity under Information Technology Act
  - c) Privacy as a restriction on freedom of press