

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

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

PAPER II- MEDIA - REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

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 Tamil tabloid weekly notified publishing a serial of autobiography of Sankar sent to editor by him, exposing the unscrupulous links between police and criminals. The Home department prohibited weekly from publishing that serial claiming the autobiography of death convict is part of his privacy, and that it was state property as he was in prison, Government has to protect it. Police Officers Association claimed that the serial should be stopped because it is going to tarnish the image of the police in state.
 - a) Discuss whether publication of autobiography is invasion of privacy of the author or that of Home department?
 - b) Discuss whether the newsmagazine can be prevented from publication on the ground of possible defamation?
2. What is the significance of *New York Times Rule* on defamation of public servant and freedom of press in US?
3. Fair comment expands the freedom of speech and expression. Do you agree with this statement? Justify your stand with relevant case law.
4. An MP belonging to opposition party has used derogatory language against the Speaker of Lok Sabha attributing bias. 'The Herald' newspaper reported the verbatim abuses on the front page under sensational caption "Speaker's Bias Exposed". 'The Voice' newspaper filed an investigation report exposing a conspiracy between MP and 'The Herald' newspaper

to defame Speaker, through parliamentary speech and avail the immunity. The Speaker filed a criminal case of defamation against both MP and the newspaper 'The Herald'. Discuss the liability of MP and newspaper with reference to privileges of Parliament under the Constitution of India.

5. Explain the substantive principles of freedom of expression in cinema media laid down in Bandit Queen Case.
6. Define Defamation and explain what points make the wrong of Defamation.
7. Write short notes on any **two (2)** of the following: (2 x 10 marks = 20 marks)
 - a) Obscenity
 - b) Sedition
 - c) Official Secrets and Media