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Post-Graduate Diploma in Media Laws (Batch 2019 – 2020)

Take Home – Supplementary Examination (January, 2021)

Paper I – 1.1. Media, Ethics and the Constitution

TOTAL MARKS: 100

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- a) Read the instructions for Take Home Examination carefully and adhere to the same.
 - b) *Please mention your name, ID No., subject name and total number of pages on the Answer Sheet.*
 - c) *Clearly indicate the question numbers while answering them.*
 - d) *Answer all questions and each question carries 10 marks.*
 - e) The answers should be written in 300 words. Exceeding the word limit can get you '0' marks.
 - f) *Since this is a take home exam, we expect your answers to be analytical rather than straight answers.*
 - g) Copying from any source including from reading material and other students is strictly prohibited. Plagiarism is considered as a serious academic mis-conduct and the University will take action as it deems fit.
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Part I Problem based question

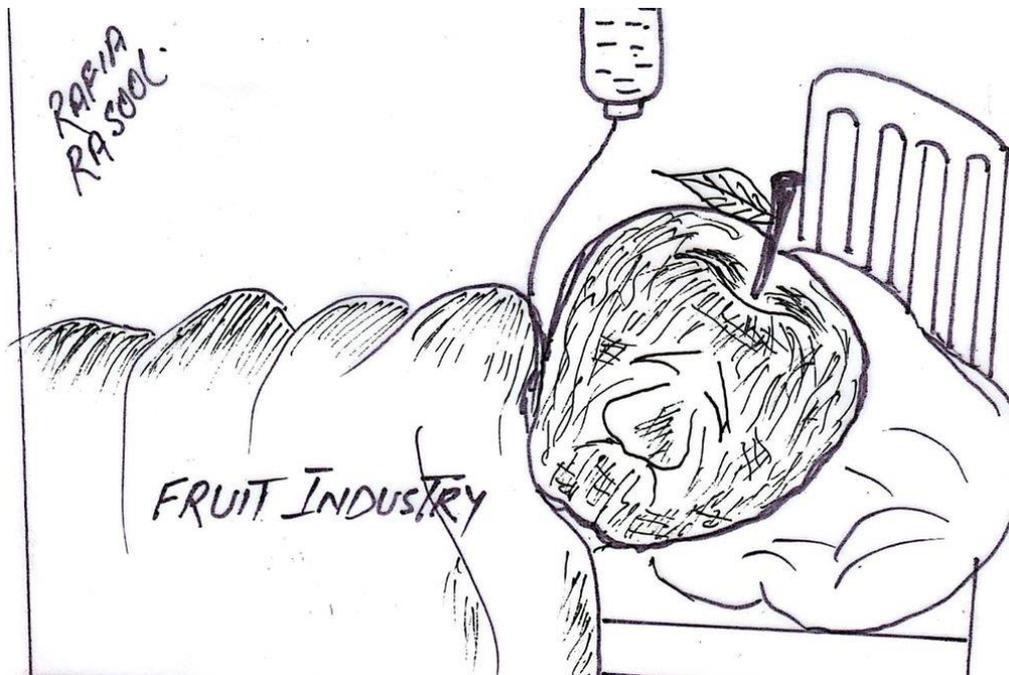
Government issued Newspaper (Price and Page) Act 1955 and an Order the Newspaper (Price and Page) Order, 1960, by which regulations of space are imposed on newspapers. It prescribed limit of minimum pages of newspaper, minimum space for ads and space prescribed for news content. Sakal Newspaper has challenged this law and prayed for striking it off. Government claimed that this law was needed to regulate the media because of the shortage of newsprint.

Based on above facts of the problem, answer the following questions:

1. Explain the scope of freedom of speech and expression in the context of above facts and what justification for such freedom is?
2. Whether any limitations can be imposed on the newspapers regarding space for ads and news? Explain with analysis of this judgment of the Supreme Court
3. Compare the judgment in Sakal Newspapers case with Indian Express Newspapers (Bombay) Pvt Ltd v Union of India case of 1985 and explain how the SC responded to the Acts of legislative and executive with reference to relevant chapters given the first module of Nalsar Material.

Image analysis question

4. Observe the following cartoon and answer the following question: Whether the criticism in this cartoon is abuse of freedom of expression. If this become viral on social media, can Government take action against cartoonist, editor and publisher of the newspaper and those who posted on social media.



Part II: Analytical Questions based on reading material

Read Chapter III - 3.1 to 3.3. of Module 1.1 and answer the following questions.

5. Why should not there be legal regulation on media's excesses?
6. Which regulation you prefer between legal regulation and self-regulation? & Why?
7. How can media fight various kinds of illegal killings?

Read Chapter V of Module 1.1 and answer the following:

8. Whether present media is in a position to exercise Independent editorial authority? Why?
9. If newspapers depend on advertisements given by the Government, can they be independent?
10. Whether reasonable restrictions listed in Constitution are enough? Should there be any more?