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NALSAR UNIVERSITY OF LAW, HYDERABAD**

Post-Graduate Diploma in Media Laws (Batch 2020 – 2021)

Take Home – Annual Examination (June, 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 ten questions and each question carries 10 marks.*
 - e) ***Every answer should be strictly within 500 words only. 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) ***Cut and paste of any material either from reading material or from the internet will result in rejection of answer-sheets, which means a failure with zero marks. No plagiarism.***
 - h) ***If the answer of two students is similar, it will be presumed that both the students consulted each other and two answer sheets will be cancelled***
 - i) Copying from any source including from 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

In a dispute before the Supreme Court, the question was why not the Real Estate Company and SEBI reach a consensus to arrive at an unencumbered asset for securing the liability of the Company to holders of Operationally Fully Convertible Bonds OFCD. Lawyer of the Company wrote a letter to the lawyer of SEBI about the suggestion of the court. That letter was leaked by a local tv channel, and the proposal was discussed thoroughly in the media. The lawyers objected to leakage of information under consideration in a litigation and the court agreed that there is a need to address it and restrict media from reporting the court proceedings. It decided to issue certain guidelines.

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 whether the right to report court proceedings exists and whether it can be restricted like this?
2. What kind of concepts and restrictions have been developed against publication of Proceedings in this case?
3. Can there be prior restraints on media? Examine in the context of facts of this case and the Article 19(1) and (2).

Part II - 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 becomes viral on social media, can the Government take action against the cartoonist, editor and publisher of the newspaper and those who posted on social media.



Part III: Analytical Questions based on reading material

Read Chapter 2.1 to 2.5 of Module 1 and answer the following questions.

5. What measures were taken to prevent paid news? Did they work? What is alternative?
6. With existing regulatory mechanism, is it possible to prevent fake news?
7. How can media effectively prevent paid news and fake news?

Read Chapter V and answer the following:

8. Why the first Amendment to Constitution was made?
9. Why there should not be any geographical limitation of freedom of expression?
10. What is 'reasonable' in the restriction imposed? Who will decide the reasonability of restriction?