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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 IV – 1.4. Electronic Media and Regulatory Law

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

The www.wire.in filed a petition challenging the 'Information Technology (Guidelines for Intermediaries and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules 2021' superseding some parts of the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines) Rules, 2011, Petitioners alleged that they impose government oversight upon digital news portals on vague conditions as 'good taste' and 'decency'. They also go beyond the scope of the Information Technology (IT) Act, 2000, as the law does not recognise digital news media as a separate category of entities and does not "seek to subject them or their content to any set of special regulations".

Answer the following questions based on the above paragraph:

1. Whether Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has any power to regulate TV Media, Digital Media and Print Media in its digital form?
2. Examine the Constitutional provisions that give powers to limit the Electronic Media and social media.

3. Browse the Rules 2021 referred above and analyze the salient features, and the objectives enshrined by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.
4. Who is intermediary? Whether definition of intermediary changed? How far they can be made liable?

Part II Image analysis question

See the following image and answer the question:



5. Can you control obscene news on TV media? How Section 67 of IT Act helps in regulation of TV and Social Media?
6. Compare and analyse Miller test, Hicklin test, and Community Standard Test.

Part III Analytical question based on the Reading Material

Read the chapter 4.1 to 4.24 of the Reading Material and answer the following questions:

7. Explain the recent changes in the Cable TV Networks Regulation Act
8. How Advertisement Code and Program code are relevant in recent Rules under IT Act?
9. What are the curbs on sting operations?
10. What is your understanding of cross media ownership regulations? Can we enforce them in today's circumstances?