

**NALSAR PROXIMATE EDUCATION
NALSAR UNIVERSITY OF LAW, HYDERABAD
P.G.DIPLOMA IN MEDIA LAWS
2001-02**

PAPER II- MEDIA –LEGAL FRAMEWORK

TIME: 2 HOURS

MARKS: 60

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. The questions to be interpreted as given and no clarification can be sought from the invigilator.
2. Only bare Acts are allowed –no book with commentary or explanations or text or presentation material will be allowed in the hall.
3. All questions carry equal marks
4. Clearly indicate the Question numbers

ANSWER ANY FOUR OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

1. When citizen has both remedies- civil and criminal, against a newspaper, which published a defamatory article against him? Should he wait until one is decided to pursue the other? Answer the questions with reference to differences between Defamation as a crime and Defamation as a civil wrong?
2. Explain the obscenity and indecency vis-à-vis media's responsibility. Discuss the provisions in the Constitution of India and other enactments.
3. What are the limitations on the freedom of press in reporting the proceedings of the parliament or legislative assembly? Do you agree with the view that absolute privileges to legislators are unwarranted in the interests of democracy? Answer with relevant case law.
4. What are the rights of the press or electronic media with regard to reporting the courts activity? What are the various kinds of contempt a news person might confront with? Explain the scandalisation of courts with reference to recent reporting of Mysore and Punjab incidents involving the judiciary and media.
5. Write short notes on:
 - a) Truth as a partial defence in criminal case of defamation
 - b) Fair Comment
 - c) Human Rights & Role of Media
6. Write short notes on:
 - a) Powers of Press Council of India
 - b) Defences to a charge of Contempt of Court
 - c) Measures to recovery of money from employer through the Government under Working Journalists Act, 1955