

**NALSAR PROXIMATE EDUCATION
NALSAR UNIVERSITY OF LAW, HYDERABAD
P.G.DIPLOMA IN MEDIA LAWS
2003-04**

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. No printed or handwritten materials will be allowed in the hall.**
- 3. All questions carry equal marks (15 marks each)**
- 4. Clearly indicate the Question numbers**

ANSWER ANY FOUR OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS

1. A newspaper vehemently criticized Mayawathi, the leader of Bahujan Samaj Party by her caste and religion. She wanted to file a suit for payment of compensation for defamation? Is she entitled to seek such a remedy against Newspapers? What is Defamation? Explain its essential components for seeking relief of payment of damages in a civil case, with specific reference to criticism through graphics such as cartoons and other animated strips of satire stories.
2. A political leader made very serious comments against some communal leaders, which resulted in commotion on communal lines at a sensitive area. The newspaper reported the provocative excerpts of his speech in bold letters, which lead to riots in which three persons died and fifty injured. The area was placed under curfew for ten days. A victim of communal riot gave a notice to the political leader, newspaper proprietor and editor, and the Government also to pursue criminal and civil cases. Under what provision the leader and newspaper can be prosecuted? Whether the leader and newspaper has no freedom of speech at all? Whether a suit for damages against the leader, newspaper and government, stand in the court of law? Discuss.

3. Are there any defences available to a journalist in the case of contempt of court initiated by a High Court on its own? Refer to provisions of the Constitution and Contempt of Court Act, 1973.
4. The media has a very significant role in enforcement of Human Rights and Child Rights for the poor and downtrodden. Do you agree? What are the various kinds of media available for the champions of civil rights?
5. Write Short Notes on:
 - a) Role of Fair Comment in civil defamation suit.
 - b) Truth of the allegation in Criminal Defamation
 - c) Freedom of Information.
6. Write Short Notes on:
 - a) Sewak Ram verses R.K. Karanjia
 - b) New York Times rule.
 - c) Official Secrets Act.