

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

**2016 – 2017
Supplementary Exams (November, 2017)**

PAPER II- MEDIA - REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

Time: 2 ½ hours.

TOTAL MARKS: 100

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 / mobile phone / electronic devices will be allowed in the hall.**
- 3. All questions carry equal marks (20 each).**
- 4. Answer any five (5) questions, only the first five (5) questions will be marked.**
- 5. Answers without Question numbers will not be marked.**
- 6. Short notes not to exceed 350 words, Long answers not to exceed 750 words.**
- 7. Imaginary case laws used in the answer will result in striking of the answers in total.**
- 8. Answers in illegible handwriting will not be taken into consideration.**

ANSWER ANY FIVE (5) OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ONLY (5 x 20 marks = 100 marks)

1. Write short notes on any **two (2)** of the following: (2 x 10 marks = 20 marks)
 - a) Truth and defamation: Is there any inter-relationship?
 - b) Fair Comment
 - c) Right to Reputation: Is it fundamental right?
2. Prajasthan Government passed an ordinance saying, “No one can publish or print or publicise in any manner the name, address, photograph, family details or any other particulars which may lead to disclosure of identity of a judge or magistrate or a public servant against whom any proceeding is pending,” until the 180-day period. For prosecuting public officials, generally, a prior sanction is required as per the Prevention of Corruption Act and the CrPC. These two enactments were amended by this ordinance. Praja Vaani, a newspaper reported a Memorandum presented by Opposition Parties to the Chief Minister of Prajasthan containing charges of corruption against Mr. Kartar Singh, IAS and former Chief Secretary of Prajasthan Government. Praja Vaani editor challenged the Ordinance on the ground that it violates his fundamental right to freedom of speech and expression. What is your decision, if you are the judge in this case?
3. Mr Kartar Singh filed suit demanding Rs 10 crores for causing defamation, for the publication of memorandum against Editor and Printer of Praja Vaani and the leaders of opposition party.
 - a) Whether Praja Vaani and opposition party leaders are liable for civil defamation?
 - b) Define Civil Defamation and explain essentials of defamation.

4. Mr Kartar Singh also filed a criminal complaint of the defamation against Praja Vaani and Leaders of Opposition Parties.
 - a) Whether any defence is available to accuse in this case? What are the defences to criminal defamation under Indian Penal Code?
 - b) Explain difference between civil and criminal defamation in India.
5. Explain the relevance of Cinematography Act in the era of television. Whether films shown on TV are pre-censored?
6. A film "Bandit Queen" was banned by Delhi High Court. Why? What was the decision of the Supreme Court in appeal?
7. Write Short Notes on any **two (2)** of the following: (2 x 10 marks = 20 marks)
 - a) Obscenity
 - b) Pre-censorship of media
 - c) Punishment for Contempt of Court