

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

2017 – 2018

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 intotal.
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. Reputation vs. Defamation
 - b. Fair Comment vs. Truth
 - c. Defamation of company and deceased person
 - d. Role of 'malice' in civil defamation
2. During Election campaign, Ruling Party President Mr X has blamed the opposition party leader Mr Y as highly corrupt and the nation will go to dogs if Mr Y is elected. This allegation was repeated by Mr X and it was repeatedly reported by ten TV channels and 8 Newspapers, five times each. Mr Y alleging that he lost the elections because of this wrongful campaign wanted to file both criminal and civil cases.

Based on these facts answer the following questions: (2 x 10 marks = 20 marks)

- a. Who could be the respondents or accused?
- b. What are the grounds on which Y can demand penalty of imprisonment for respondents?
3. Based on the facts given in Q.No.2 answer the following questions: (2 x 10 marks = 20 marks)
 - a. What are the defences Mr X has within his authority?
 - b. Can you make newspaper boy and cable operator responsible for the civil and criminal defamation, explain.
4. A producer, who spent around Rs 1000 crore in making movie was aggrieved of the delay in

completing the process of Censorship. He alleged that because of delay of four months in clearing the Certification, he suffered huge loss. He filed a defamation case against the Film Certification Authority of Government of India. Explain whether the Film Certification Authority could be liable for defamation? Decide.

5. What are the salient features of Cinematography Act? Is it relevant to films shown on TV?
6. A bio pic was made by Producer Director Ram on the life of famous female lead actress, after her death. Ms Sarojini, daughter of that actress alleged that Ram distorted her life and it has shown her as inhuman and non-loving towards the actress. Alleging defamation she filed a civil case for deflation and made the Film Certification Authority also as a respondent. Decide the liability of Ram and Film Certification authority.
7. Write short notes on **any two (2)** of the following: (2 x 10 marks = 20 marks)
 - a. In re Keshav Singh case
 - b. Apology as a defense in defamation case
 - c. Bundh case
 - d. Obscenity