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Fifth Semester B.A. Degree Examination, March 2023

First Degree Programme under CBCSS

Double Main Programme

English and Media Studies

Core Course

ENM 1542 – MEDIA LAWS AND ETHICS

(2020 Admission)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

I. Answer **all** questions, each in a word or a maximum of 30 words.

1. Cyber bullying
2. RTI act
3. Expand RNI
4. Article 19(1)a
5. U/A
6. Copyright
7. Habeas Corpus
8. Sting Operation

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9. Wage board.
10. Cross media ownership

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

II. Write Short notes, each not exceeding **60** words, on **any eight** of the following

11. Define slander.
12. Explain objectivity and fairness in reporting
13. Write a note on Prasar Bharati.
14. What is chequebook Journalism?
15. Evaluate the functions of CBFC.
16. What do you understand by journalistic ethics?
17. Write a note on the types of cybercrimes in India.
18. Explain Official Secrets Act.
19. Write the composition of the Press Council of India?
20. Define Self-Regulation of media. Should the Govt. make law to control media?
21. What is a writ?
22. What are the major recommendations of first press commission?
23. What do you mean by Sedition?
24. What is a 'Libel'? How can a media person guard against it?
25. Comment on criminal procedure code.
26. Elaborate Cable Television Network (Regulation) Act, 1995.

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)



III. Write Short Essays, each not exceeding **120** words, on **any six** of the following

27. Do you think sensationalism overrules code of Journalistic ethics? Explain with examples.
28. Do you think defamation act affects freedom of press in India?
29. The resentment vernacular press act produced fuelled the Indian independence movement. Comment.
30. The growth of media has unquestionably resulted in a decrease in an individual's privacy. Comment.
31. Give an account on the provisions of Indecent Representation of Women (prohibition) Act.
32. Elucidate the main features of contempt of court act of 1952 and its major amendment.
33. Critically analyse the prevailing film censoring system in India.
34. Examine the importance of Right to Information act in a democratic country like India.
35. Examine the defenses available to a journalist against proceedings of defamation.
36. What are the legal limitations involved in reporting the court and legislative proceedings?
37. What are the social and cultural impacts of advertisements in our society?
38. When it comes to reporting judicial events, accuracy is more crucial. Why?

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

IV. Write Long Essays on **any two** of the following

39. Describe the major provisions of the Right to Information Act 2005. In what ways will this act of use to the journalists?
40. Briefly discuss the role, constitution, and responsibilities of Press Council of India.



41. Do you favour the scrapping of official secrets act, 1923? Detail and substantiate your arguments.
42. What do you mean by freedom of Press? What has been said in various Articles of our constitution on this issue?
43. How can an independent media prove its accountability to society? Is the Indian media truly responsible in that respect?
44. The coverage in broadcast media ends up being highly compromised due to high cost of operations and need to have target rating points(TRPs). Do you agree? Substantiate.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)

