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Time : 2:30 Hours

Full Marks : 60

[The figure in the margin indicates full marks. Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.]

Group-A

(Multiple Choice Type Question)

1 x 15=15

1. Choose the correct alternative from the following :

- (i) The operation of Article 19 can be suspended under
a) Article 358
b) Article 372
c) Article 306
d) None of the above
- (ii) RTI replaced _____
a) Freedom of Information Act 2002
b) Freedom of Information Act 2003
c) Freedom of Information Act 2004
d) Freedom of Information Act 2005
- (iii) Indian Penal Code is based on
a) English Common Law in respect to the major offences which are universally applicable
b) American Law in respect to the major offences which are universally applicable
c) Russian Law in respect to the major offences which are universally applicable
d) None of the above
- (iv) Every Indian person is free to pursue their preferred religion - This is described under
a) Fundamental Rights
b) Fundamental Duties
c) Contempt of Court
d) Freedom of Speech and Expression
- (v) Conflict between Official Secret Act and Right to Information Act occurs because
a) The OSA generally promotes secrecy and confidentiality in government operations which is against the provisions of the RTI.
b) Official Secret Act is not an Indian law
c) Right to Information Act protects the rights of Indian Citizen but Official Secret Act protects the rights of government
d) None of the above
- (vi) Copyright is a _____
a) Legal term
b) Scientific term
c) Educational term
d) Economic term
- (vii) Assertion (A): Media business has an uncertain future. Reason (R): Media law helps to run

- media business in the market
- a) Both (A) and (R) are true.
b) Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).
c) A is true, but (R) is false.
d) (A) is false, but (R) is true.
- (viii) Assertion (A): Media industry follows press laws to run the business operation in the market. Reason (R): Media focus on earning profit even also while giving information
- a) Both (A) and (R) are true.
b) Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).
c) A is true, but (R) is false.
d) (A) is false, but (R) is true.
- (ix) Assertion (A): Media laws and ethics are different. Reason (R): Both are important to run a media business in the market
- a) Both (A) and (R) are true.
b) Both (A) and (R) are true, but (R) is not the correct explanation of (A).
c) A is true, but (R) is false.
d) (A) is false, but (R) is true.
- (x) Preamble of Indian Constitution stated
- a) Both Sovereign, Socialist, Secular, Democratic Republic & Justice, Social, Economic and Political
b) Socialist, Secular, Democratic Republic & Justice, Social, Economic and Political
c) Both Sovereign Secular, Democratic Republic & Justice, Social, Economic and Political
d) Both Sovereign, Socialist, Secular, Democratic Republic & Justice, Social, Economic
- (xi) Find the errors: RTI and OSA both are important for media business
- a) Statement is wrong
b) Name of the legislations
c) Both of the above
d) None of the above
- (xii) Find the errors: Official Secrets Act has been enacted in 1923
- a) Name of the legislation
b) Year of enactment
c) Both of the above
d) None of the above
- (xiii) Statement I: Biasness in news is a threat to journalism Statement II: Biasness should be avoided while presenting a news story
- a) Statement I is correct but Statement II is incorrect
b) Statement I is incorrect but Statement II is correct
c) Both statements are correct
d) Both statements are incorrect
- (xiv) Statement I: Objectivity in journalism is important to provide authentic information to people Statement II: Objectivity in journalism should be followed by the journalists
- a) Statement I is correct but Statement II is incorrect
b) Statement I is incorrect but Statement II is correct
c) Both statements are correct
d) Both statements are incorrect
- (xv) Identify the accurate chronological sequence of the following statutes :
- a) Working Journalists Act, Copyright Act, Official Secrets Act
b) Official Secrets Act, Copyright Act, Working Journalist Act
c) Working Journalist Act, Official Secret Act, Working Journalist Act
d) None of the above

Group-B

(Short Answer Type Questions)

3 x 5=15

2. Discuss the importance of Freedom of Press briefly (3)
3. Explain the role of Supreme court (3)
4. What is piracy? Interpret with example. (3)
5. Analyse international code of ethics for journalist (3)
6. Evaluate the concept of privacy and honour (3)

OR

What is the importance of the Employee Provident Fund Act? Support your answer with examples. (3)

Group-C
(Long Answer Type Questions)

5 x 6=30

7. Describe Defamation with a relevant case study (5)
8. Illustrate the importance of press law in India (5)
9. Evaluate fundamental duties of Indian Citizen (5)
10. Compare and contrast civil law and criminal law (5)
11. Demonstrate Media Trial with two relevant examples (5)
12. The Official Secrets Act is necessary to safeguard confidential information in India. Justify the statement. (5)

OR

Write down a case study relevant to Right to Information Act, 2005. (5)

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