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(Semester IV)

Full Marks : 60

Time : 2:30 Hours

[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) Select the Article of the Indian Constitution that contains the provision relating to the freedom of speech and expression.
 - a) Article 191a
 - b) Article 19 2
 - c) Article 19 1b
 - d) None of these
- (ii) Identify the Articles that contain the Concept of fundamental rights.
 - a) Article 1-4
 - b) Article 5-11
 - c) Article 12-35
 - d) Article 36-51
- (iii) Select the appropriate answer regarding media.
 - a) Media is known as the First Estate of Democracy
 - b) Media is known as the Second Estate of Democracy
 - c) Media is known as the Third Estate of Democracy
 - d) Media is known as the Fourth Estate of Democracy
- (iv) What is the source of Fundamental Duties of the Indian Constitution?
 - a) USA
 - b) UK
 - c) USSR
 - d) None of these
- (v) Select the first citizen of India;
 - a) The President
 - b) The Chief Election Commissioner
 - c) The Prime Minister
 - d) The Chief Justice of India
- (vi) Select the Act that was renamed as The Gagging Act;
 - a) The Licensing Regulation Act 1823
 - b) Licensing Act 1857
 - c) The Metcalfe Act or Press Act 1835
 - d) The Vernacular Press Act 1878
- (vii) Identify the types of Defamation;
 - a) Libel
 - b) Slander
 - c) Both of these
 - d) None of these

(viii) Name the newspaper that was started in Marathi by Bal Gangadhar Tilak:

- a) Maratha
- b) Kesari
- c) Bengal Gazette
- d) Harijan

(ix) Identify the year in which the law for working journalists and other employees has been passed;

- a) 1953
- b) 1954
- c) 1955
- d) 1957

(x) Identify the year in which the Official Secrets Act was enacted;

- a) 1923
- b) 1953
- c) 1933
- d) 1963

(xi) Identify the year in which the Prasar Bharati Broadcasting Corporation of India Act came.

- a) 1990
- b) 1992
- c) 1980
- d) 1982

(xii) What is the regulatory film body of India?

- a) The Central Board of Film Certification
- b) The State Board of Film Certification
- c) Both the Central Board of Film Certification and the State Board of Film Certification
- d) None of these

(xiii) Name the person who published The Amrita Bazar Patrika.

- a) Sisir Kumar Ghosh
- b) Motilal Ghosh
- c) Both 1 and 2
- d) None of these

(xiv) Select from the following that is not a fair use of a copyrighted work.

- a) Use for research
- b) Use for Criticism
- c) Use for review
- d) Use for commercial purposes

(xv) Which of the following is a flagship program of Doordarshan, a part of Prasar Bharati?

- a) Big Boss
- b) Satyamev Jayate
- c) Game of Thrones
- d) Friends

Group-B

(Short Answer Type Questions)

3 x 5=15

2. What are the classifications of mass media? (3)
3. Outline the role of defamation law on journalism in India. (3)
4. Explain the process for obtaining information under the Right to Information Act 2005. (3)
5. Explain the term Mass Media. (3)
6. Explain the penal provisions regarding the prohibition of advertisement of certain drugs for the treatment of certain diseases and disorders under the Drugs and Magic Remedies Act. (3)

OR

Interpret the essence of the code of ethics for broadcasters in India. (3)

Group-C

(Long Answer Type Questions)

5 x 6=30

7. Briefly explain the laws responsible to regulate advertisement in India. (5)
8. Explain the various dimensions of Article 19 (1) (a) of Indian Constitution. (5)
9. Illustrate the contemporary challenges to freedom of the press in India, and how do issues such as censorship, threats to journalists' safety, and media ownership concentration impact the exercise of press freedom in the country? (5)
10. Examine "media trial" and "freedom of press" in the light of right of fair trial to accused with the help of relevant case laws. (5)
11. Whether censorship is essential under media jurisprudence, discuss in the light of the following illustration: A.K. is a journalist and a film producer. He produced one short (5)

information film named 'Aayina'. Film depicts the realities of life in metro cities. He applied for U certificate from the censor board. The board suggested the removal of two scenes, depicting the red light area of Calcutta. These scenes portrayed immoral trafficking and sex work. According to censor board the scenes were considered unsuitable for children and hence those scenes were got censored and U certificate was denied. A.K. challenged the decision in Supreme Court. In his petition, he contended that the decision is a violation of freedom of speech and expression. As a student of media law, what is your interpretation to the same.

12. Explain Paid News. Examine it's effect on the democratic elections with the help of relevant case laws and reports. (5)

OR

Interpret the adverse effects of yellow journalism. (5)

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