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End - Term Examinations – MAY/ JUNE 2025

Date: 03-06-2025

Time: 09:30 am – 12:30 pm

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| School: SOL | Program: BA. LLB/BBA. LLB/B.Com. LLB (Hons.) | |
| Course Code: LAW4014 | Course Name: Media and Law | |
| Semester: VI | Max Marks: 100 | Weightage: 50% |

| CO - Levels | C01 | C02 | C03 | C04 | C05 |
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| Marks | 14 | 19 | 22 | 22 | 23 |

Instructions:

- (i) Read all questions carefully and answer accordingly.
- (ii) Do not write anything on the question paper other than roll number.

Part A

Answer ALL the Questions. Each question carries 2marks.

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| 1 | "Freedom of press includes within itself freedom of publication and circulation". Comment. | 2 Marks | L2 | C01 |
| 2 | Write a note on 'Obscenity'. | 2 Marks | L1 | C02 |
| 3 | What are the privileges attached to the parliamentary proceedings in India | 2 Marks | L1 | C05 |
| 4 | What do you understand by "Contempt of Court"? | 2 Marks | L1 | C05 |
| 5 | What are the laws in India dealing with the Cyber Laws? | 2 Marks | L1 | C05 |
| 6 | What do you understand by social media? Do you think regulation of social media is necessary? | 2 Marks | L1 | C01 |
| 7 | What do you understand by censorship? Does India have pre-censorship for Refer on press or media? | 2 Marks | L1 | C02 |

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| 8 | Write a brief note on RTI, 2005. | 2 Marks | L2 | CO5 |
| 9 | Who is an intermediary? | 2 Marks | L1 | CO4 |
| 10 | Write a note on 'Right to Privacy' | 2 Marks | L2 | CO3 |

Part B
Answer the Questions

Total 80 Marks

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| 11. | Freedom of Press is not mentioned, or guaranteed specifically as such, under the chapter on Fundamental Rights in our Constitution as Constituent Assembly was of the view that "no special mention is necessary", yet they also opined that "the guarantee of free speech and the freedom of press under Article 19(1)(a) as the 'most important', 'charter of liberties', 'the crux of Fundamental Rights'. Do you agree with the above statement? Comment. | 10Marks | L4 | CO1 |
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| 12. | Discuss how the Supreme Court of India have established through its judicial decisions a "fundamental right of freedom of press and media" under article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution of India. | 10 Marks | L4 | CO1 |
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| 13. | With the help of the landmark judgment "Ranjit D. Udeshi's Case", discuss the law relating to censorship of books in India. | 10Marks | L4 | CO3 |
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| 14. | With the help of various cases discuss the penal laws applicable to press. | 10 Marks | L2 | CO3 |
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| 15. | What do you understand by reasonable restrictions under Article 19(2) on freedom of press and media? What is the test of reasonableness as propounded by the Courts in India? | 10Marks | L3 | CO3 |
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| 16. | Statement: "The concept of obscenity varies from nation to nation and from community to community, and it depends on the moral standards of contemporary society." In the light of given statement discuss the law relating to obscenity in India. | 10 Marks | L4 | CO3 |
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| 17. | X, a minister made certain derogatory statements against a particular victim of an unfortunate incident within the proceedings of the house. The victim lodges an FIR. The minister stated termed it as 'political conspiracy against the current government'. The victim approached to the apex court seeking apology from the minister as it has hurt to her dignity. On the other hand the | 15 Marks | L4 | CO5 |
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| | <p>learned minister contends that he enjoys privilege.</p> <p>Give the above hypothetical scenario, give a detailed account with the help of the leading relevant case: Whether the right to freedom of speech and expression under Article 19(1)(a) is restricted by only Article 19(2), or is it also restricted by other fundamental rights, specifically Article 21?</p> | | | |
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| 18. | <p>The police has arrested Mr. X and seized his books shop for selling a semi-nude magazine and a banned novel. The police stated to his wife that her husband has violated the penal law and therefore he will be tried before the magistrate.</p> <p>Mrs. X contends that such detention is unlawful as it violates her husband's freedoms guaranteed under the Constitution. She has approached you, tender your legal opinion with the help of relevant case laws, tests and doctrines.</p> | 15 Marks | L3 | C05 |
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| 19. | <p>Two students were expelled from the school by the Principal for not singing the national anthem. These students contend that they are minorities and as per their cultural obligations they can sing only a cultural song.</p> <p>Do you think such expulsion is appropriate? Based on the above hypothetical situation give a detailed analysis on the right to sing/ right not to sing the national anthem or song with the help of timeline of landmark cases in India.</p> | 15 Marks | L3 | C02 |
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| 20. | <p>A. Mr. P, is a life convict serving for serial murders, has decided to write an autobiography. When this news broke out one local magazine company approached him assuring to publish his story fortnight basis in the form of a serial. The jailer has denied him any facility to avail for writing such book.</p> <p>Whether Mr. P is entitled to write an autobiography? Does he has any fundamental right thereto? Is the action of jailer is valid?</p> <p>Based on the above hypothetical situation give a detailed account on the basis of leading case on the as per the above problem.</p> <p>B. Mr. R flies the national flag on the top of his private office building. He is been arrested by the police for disrespecting the national flag.</p> <p>Mrs. R, has approached you seeking legal remedy. Tender your legal remedy with the help of suitable landmark case and developments thereto.</p> | <p>10 Marks</p> <p>+</p> <p>5 Marks = 15 Marks</p> | L3 | C02 |
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| 21. | Miss. M, a renowned social activist has posted a statement in | 20 | L4 | C04 |
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| | <p>the social media criticizing some of the governmental policies and labelling the deputy chief minister as unfit to be a politician. The police has arrested L on the grounds of Sedition. Mr. Y & Mr. Z, who were the next friends of the social activists have filed a social action litigation seeking the legal remedy.</p> <p>Given the above hypothetical scenario, explain in detail with the help of provision and timeline of cases of the federal court, privy council and apex court of India on the nuances of Sedition. Also explain the rationality of the landmark case in determining the offence of Sedition. What is the current position of the Sedition law in India?</p> | Marks | | |
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| 22. | <p>The residents of colony 'Z' has the following concerns and lodges FIRs:</p> <p>A. Usage of loud speakers and digital instruments during festivals by the religious precessions or groups causing an abnormal noise pollution which has serious implications to the health.</p> <p>B. Usage of loud speaker for 'Azan', a religious call for prayer.</p> <p>The religious institutions/ groups claimed that they have religious freedom and freedom to express freely about their faith by such processions.</p> <p>The matter has come before the court with the following issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Whether usage of loud speakers, amplifiers, digital instruments with such high decibel are permissible? Whether 'Azan' is an integral part of a religion? <p>Give a detailed account of the above problem with the help of landmark cases and legal framework thereto.</p> | 20 Marks | L4 | CO4 |
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