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Unique Paper Code : 11011407

Name of the Paper : Media Ethics and the Law

Name of the Course : B.A. (H) Journalism

Semester : IV

Duration : 3 hours 30 minutes

Maximum Marks : 75

Instructions for Candidates

1. Write your Roll No. on the top immediately on receipt of this question paper.
2. Attempt 3 questions each out of 5 from **Part A** and **Part B**.

PART A (10 marks each)

1. What is Contempt of Court? How is it a reasonable restriction for freedom of speech and expression in India?

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2. Media trials can unduly prejudice the public perception and outcome of a trial. Do you agree?
3. Discuss the Digital Media Ethics Code guidelines of the IT Act with reference to online news publishers and aggregators.
4. Discuss the provisions of the Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986 with reference to Indian advertising.
5. Write short notes on any **two** : (5×2=10)
 - (a) Sedition
 - (b) Press Council of India
 - (c) Live Reporting
 - (d) Obscenity

PART B

(15 marks each)

6. 'Fact-checking and immediacy are crucial to live reporting'. Discuss this statement with reference to opportunities and dangers of live reporting.
7. 'Misinformation and fake news spread rapidly on online social networks'. Discuss with reference to the challenges of regulating social media conversations.
8. Discuss the need for ethical guidelines for regulation of the news media. In this context also analyze the functioning of the Press Council of India as a moral watchdog of journalistic ethics.
9. Evaluate the role of the Indian media in reporting on and representing the issues faced by persons with disabilities during the COVID-19 pandemic and lock-down.

10. What are the differences between investigative reporting and media sting operations? Discuss the ethical concerns of doing a sting operation.